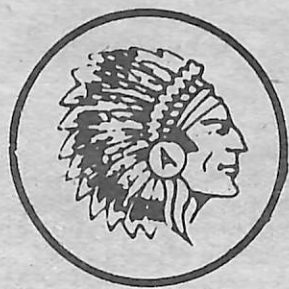


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- "Principal's Award" winner Tara Witte and other Junior High honorees (see Page 27 in "Education")...



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Into The "Wild Blue Yonder"...



RECENTLY, A LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST for area mayors, selectmen, city counselors, and aldermen was held at Westover Air Force Base. Sponsored by Westover's new commander, this breakfast featured a flight to Maine and Lake Champlain aboard a C-5 transport. Among those who enjoyed their "cruise" at 10,000 feet were (from left to right) Town Council President Donald Rheault, Council Vice-President Robert Magovern, and Town Councilor Edward Caba. (Also present at the breakfast were Mayor Christopher Johnson and Town Councilors George Bitzas and Nancy Thompson.)



CHRISTOPHER SPARKS

From The New Recreation Director...

Sparks Sees Need For Family-Oriented & Non-Sports Activities

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Two months after coming on board, Recreation Director Christopher Sparks was congratulating his staff for a successful first session at Perry Lane Camp and looking forward to a fully-booked second session at the town's summer camp.

"Perry Lane Camp is running smoothly thanks to a large returning staff of counselors and directors," Sparks said. "I especially want to thank Nancy Pryce for the wonderful job she did in holding this department together when it was without a director for two months. Without her work in organizing the summer programs, we would have had a very rough summer. Thanks to Nancy, we were able to have a very successful '99 summer."

Mayor Christopher G. Johnson said Sparks was chosen for the job because he was the most qualified in a field of 30 candidates, and that his experience (along with his educational background) closely matched the needs of the Recreation Department.

"Chris brings the right combination of experience, education, and enthusiasm," Johnson said.

Besides walking into a department left in the capable hands of a veteran staff, Sparks found

Bike Safety Rodeo At The Jr. High...



ON SATURDAY, JUNE 12TH, the Agawam Police Department and the Agawam Kiwanis Club sponsored a Bike Safety Rodeo in the parking lot of Agawam Junior High School. Pictured with Officer John Moccio and Sergeant Donald Gallerani are young bicyclists Amanda Smith, Scott Smith, Leisl Bard, and Evan Bard. (See additional photos on Page 33 in "Education.") Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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SPARKS - from Page 1...

himself in the fortunate position of overseeing the rejuvenation of Borgatti Park due in large part to a \$10,000 donation from neighboring Riverside Park. With the town chipping in another \$5,000 to the project, Sparks was able to purchase swings, a small playscape, a wooden train, slides, bike tracks, picnic tables, and grills to give the park a new family-friendly appeal. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held when the work is completed next month.

"I'm glad I was able to walk into a situation where the elementary schools were adding playscapes and Riverside Park was adopting Borgatti Park," Sparks said. "We're also in the process of adding a playscape at Perry Lane Park for use by the Early Childhood Center, the Perry Lane Nursery School, and town residents."

A family man with three young children, Sparks believes it is important for the town to provide more opportunities for families to enjoy recreational time together. And he's working on creating recreational opportunities for all age and interest groups in town. Currently working in coordination with the Senior Center and the Agawam Arts Council, Sparks is intent on making the kinds of relationships with the community and with the business sector that can only enhance the town's ability to offer more programs to benefit everyone.

"We are very enriched with youth sports, but a lot of people would like to see more non-sports activities from the Recreation Department," Sparks said.

His game plan for the Recreation Department is simple — yet daunting: make sure all the successful programs continue to run; add more family and youth programs; and offer more non-sports activities to all town residents.

The Recreation Committee, appointed by the Mayor, is on summer hiatus while the committee members finish making out a laundry list of the good and bad aspects of the town's current recreational facilities, as well as making recommendations for renovating and updating the

town's parks in compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act.

Looking At The Future Needs Of The Community

Also, with the committee's help, Sparks will be looking at the future needs of the community in terms of both programming and facilities to ensure that town residents have the best recreational facilities available to them.

"At the Senior Center, we are looking at the possibility of putting in a shuffleboard court," Sparks said. "We know that many of our seniors have to travel out of town to play shuffleboard, so we're hoping we can align some courts."

A native of the Buffalo, New York area, Sparks served as the aquatics director at the Westfield YMCA for four years before taking over the reins of the Recreation Department here. The Agawam job offer came along just as he was being considered for similar posts in New York, South Carolina, and Pennsylvania.

"I was looking for my next career move up and down the East Coast," Sparks said. "I was glad that living in such proximity, I didn't have to uproot my family or change my children's schools."

Sparks lives in Westfield with his wife, Jennifer, and their three children: Sarah (7), Becky (4), and Alex (1). He holds a bachelor of science degree in business education from SUNY Oneonta, and a master's degree in recreation management from Springfield College.

After doing some work as a substitute teacher and a high school coach, Sparks realized his first love was in working with kids in recreational rather than classroom settings. He left the teaching field and came to this area to do his post-graduate work at Springfield College while simultaneously working full-time as the aquatics director at the Westfield YMCA.

A competitive swimmer in high school, Sparks has had experience coaching swim teams at all levels. It was while working as a swim coach and lifeguard at the Y that he first discovered that the recreation field could be a viable career. He says his new job in Agawam is just what he was looking for.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM

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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 49-7 OF CHAPTER 49 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF AGAWAM (Sponsors: Councilors Jill Simpson, Nancy Thompson, John Negrucci)

WHEREAS, the Mayor is the chief executive officer of the City of Agawam;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of all of the citizens of the City of Agawam to continue to attract qualified people to serve as Mayor;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to adequately compensate the person holding the office of mayor so as to continue to attract qualified candidates to serve as mayor.

NOW THEREFORE, the Agawam Town Council, in accordance with Section 3-1(c) of the Agawam Home Rule Charter, hereby establishes the annual salary for the mayor at \$65,000 effective on the first day of the mayoral term commencing in January, 2000.

DATED THIS TWENTY-SECOND DAY OF JUNE, 1999.

**PER ORDER OF THE AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL
Donald M. Rheault, President
APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
Thomas L. Locke, Solicitor**

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**TOWN OF AGAWAM
AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, July 22, 1999 at 7:05 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Road, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Mass. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability of DePalma for property located at 698 North Street. By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission

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**TOWN OF AGAWAM
BOARD OF APPEALS**

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Auditorium, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on THURSDAY, JULY 22, 1999 at: 6:30 P.M., for all parties interested in the appeal of McLEAN REALTY who is seeking a Special Permit

in accordance with Section 180-7, Paragraphs A & B of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the construction of an addition at the premises identified as: 197 MAIN STREET.

**Doreen Prouty
Acting Chairperson**

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Letters To The Editor

Beware Of "Fraudulent" Reps. Of Big Brothers Big Sisters

To The Editor:

It has come to our attention that a gentleman is fraudulently representing Big Brothers Big Sisters by selling candy or asking for cash on the street. He has been seen recently at the X on Sumner Avenue in Springfield and at supermarkets in the Agawam-West Springfield area.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hampden County has no connection with this person and asks that the public be aware of his activities. We do not sell candy or ask for money donations on the street under any circumstances.

We suggest that when donating funds to a local charity, make sure you know who the contact person is and that it is in the form of a check so that you will have a record of the donation.

Big Brothers Big Sisters, a community non-profit mentoring agency, does have a number of legitimate fundraising events and activities, including our clothing donation collection service, for which we thank the public for supporting.

Regards,
Elizabeth T. Russell
Executive Director

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hampden County, Inc.

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**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND
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(Sponsors: Councilors Jill Simpson,
Nancy Thompson, John Negrucci)**

WHEREAS, the City Council is the legislative branch of government of the Town of Agawam; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of all of the citizens of the Town of Agawam to strive to attract qualified candidates to serve as city councilors; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Agawam City Council, in accordance with section 2-3 of the Agawam Home Rule Charter and Section 49-7 of Chapter 49, hereby establishes the annual salary for city councilors at \$6,000 per annum, with an additional \$1,000 per annum for the presiding officer, effective on the first day of the Agawam City Council term commencing in January of 2000.

Dated this twenty-second day of June, 1999.

**PER ORDER OF THE AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL
Donald M. Rheault, President
APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
Thomas L. Locke, Solicitor**

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Even though work has already commenced on the project to separate sewers and storm drains in Agawam, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson joined his counterparts in Springfield and Chicopee in announcing their resolve to fight the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) mandate aimed at preventing the discharge of raw sewage into the Connecticut River.

Along with other riverfront communities, Agawam is under an EPA administrative order to prevent the discharge of raw sewage into the Connecticut River. The order is a result of a 1988 EPA study recommending an overhaul of the town's sewer system to eliminate combined sewers carrying both sewage and storm drainage. Unable to handle the volume of wastewater during periods of heavy rain, combined sewers overflow and raw sewage spews into the river.

At a news conference called by Springfield Mayor Michael J. Albano at that city's Riverfront Park last Thursday, July 8th, Johnson and Chicopee Mayor Richard J. Kos were on hand to issue a joint statement claiming the cost of the projects will slow the economic recovery of the region and discourage new business from locating in the area. Not present at the news conference were Holyoke Mayor Daniel J. Szostkiewicz and Easthampton Mayor Michael A. Tautznik, also signatories of the joint statement.

The mayors said they will lobby the Massachusetts congressional delegation for federal dollars to offset the crushing cost of the project, particularly to the larger cities where an overhaul of the sewer systems will cause sewer rates to skyrocket a whopping 300 to 500 percent (unless the federal government provides some assistance).

Also, a study will be done to estimate the economic impact of the projects to the region. Estimates for separating the combined sewers and storm drains: \$500 million, Springfield; \$300 million, Chicopee; \$40 million, Holyoke; and \$3.1 million, Agawam.

While fixing the combined sewer overflow problem here will result in a sewer rate increase in the near future, ratepayers will likely face an increase in the 10 to 15 percent range, according to Johnson.

Gauging Effects Of BP Plant On Revenue...

Johnson said he and Department of Public Works Superintendent John P. Stone decided to hold off on a rate increase this year in order to bet-

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Doreen Prouty
Acting Chairperson

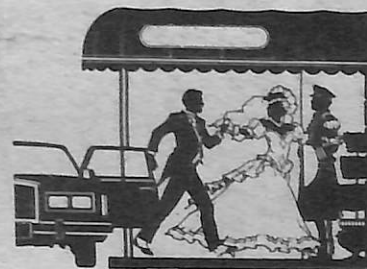
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Town Must Pay For Appraisal Of Former Hampden County Land

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

The town owns it, but can't begin to pay for it until the value of the land formerly owned by Hampden County is determined by a licensed appraiser.

At its next meeting on August 2nd, Town Council will be asked to transfer \$15,300 from the reserve fund to pay for the appraisal as required by the 1998 state law which transferred ownership of land parcels in Feeding Hills and in Agawam to the town when county government was abolished a year ago.

"Hopefully, the council will approve the transfer of these funds since the legislation transferring the property to the town did not contain an appropriation to pay for the appraisals," according to Mayor Christopher C. Johnson. "The town is required to pay the Commonwealth the full and fair market value for the land after an appraisal by a licensed appraiser mutually agreed on by the town and the Inspector General."

After shepherding the bill through the legislative process last summer, State Senate Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian held a press conference on the front lawn of the Western Massachusetts Police Academy in Feeding Hills announcing the successful transfer of two parcels of land formerly owned by the now-defunct Hamp-

den County to Agawam. This enabled the creation of an industrial park on 195 acres located on the other side of South Westfield Street and for the preservation of 50 acres on School Street as open space for agricultural, recreational, or horticultural use.

Under the terms of Melconian's land transfer bill, the town will pay five percent of the total value of the land to the state each year for 20 years for the 195 acres in Feeding Hills. The payments will begin three years from the date of the transfer and the land must be used for economic development. The 50 acres on School Street must be paid for in full five years after the date of the transfer. That land must be used for any valid agricultural, horticultural, or recreation purpose.

"The financial arrangement for acquiring the Feeding Hills parcel amounts to a 20-year, interest-free loan from the state," Johnson said.

The School Street property has been mentioned as an alternate route for the stalled Connecticut RiverWalk and Bikeway project along River Road, and local historians are interested in using the old prison farm barn as a museum annex to the Historical and Fire Museum slated for the Elm Street fire station.

Setting Up The Methodology For Appraisals...

Johnson said the town has been working with the state Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM), with the assistance of WestMass Area Development, in setting up the methodology for the appraisals and selecting an appraiser to do the work.

WestMass, which will develop a green space park like the Agawam Regional Industrial Park on the South Westfield Street acreage, has agreed to pick up \$5,000 of the cost of the appraisals, leaving the town with a balance of \$15,300 for the services of The Foster Company of Leominster, MA, according to the Mayor.

Under the terms of the proposal submitted by the appraisal firm, the total cost of determining the value of the School Street property will be \$4,800 and \$15,300 for the South Westfield Street property, for a combined total of \$20,300.

"These are not traditional appraisals," Johnson said. "They are very detailed and that's why the price tag is so high."

With plans already in the development stage for using a portion of the School Street acreage for athletic fields, Johnson said he hopes the bulk of the site will remain as open space.

Turnverein Liquor License Snafu To Be Ironed Out With Town Council's Help

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

It will take a special act of the state legislature to straighten out a bureaucratic tangle that would lead to the closing of the Springfield Turnverein unless a licensing problem first uncovered by a local beer distributor is corrected.

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson and the Liquor Licensing Commission are asking Town Council to approve a resolution at the August 2nd meeting requesting the passage of a special act of the legislature to grant the Turnverein a full alcoholic liquor license.

"Through no fault of their own, the Turnverein is in a unique set of circumstances," Johnson said. "Essentially, they are the victims of changes in the special license provisions of the law. This is a civic-minded group who have been operating in Agawam for 30 years with no liquor violations, so I would hope there will be no problem with the legislature granting them a full license."

According to a letter signed by a unanimous Liquor Licensing Commission requesting Johnson's assistance in filing the special legislation, the problem came to light when a local beer vendor was updating its computer system and

discovered the club did not have a valid liquor license.

In researching the situation, the commissioners learned that the Turnverein was granted a seasonal, all-alcoholic license when the club moved to Agawam in 1967. The club held seasonal licenses until 1975. But, on the advice of the town's attorney, the Liquor Commission changed their license to a special license, thereby allowing the club to operate year-round rather than limiting them to selling alcohol from April 1st to January 15th as restricted by a seasonal license.

When Town Council filed special legislation to convert all existing seasonal licenses to full liquor licenses, primarily to allow the four golf courses in town to sell alcoholic beverages year-round, the Turnverein had a special license, not a seasonal one. Since then, the commission has been granting the club a special license each year, but the commissioners recently learned that changes in the law regarding special licenses would limit the Turnverein's ability to sell alcoholic beverages to only 30 days per calendar year.

"This would likely put the club out of business and force the cancellation of many planned events such as weddings, anniversary parties, and club activities," according to the Liquor Commission's letter to the Mayor.

In discussions with the club's manager, Johnson said he was told that without the revenue raised by the bar and banquet facilities, the club could not afford to remain open.

"The Turnverein is a valuable member of our civic community and I hope the council will support the filing of special legislation to correct this bizarre and unfortunate problem."

While waiting for a legislative solution to the license snafu, the commission has granted the Turnverein a seasonal license on the advice of an attorney at the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission in order to allow the club to operate until January 15, 2000. By that time, the Liquor Commission here hopes the legislature will have granted the club a full license, even though Agawam is presently above its quota of liquor licenses as determined by population.

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Donation To D.A.R.E.



DICK BASSETT (right), Drug Awareness Chairman of the Agawam Lions Club, recently presented the club's annual donation to D.A.R.E. Officer **Karen Langevin** of the Agawam Police Department.

Senior Employment Bulletin Board On Display At Senior Ctr.

A new Senior Employment Bulletin Board is on display at the Agawam Senior Center.

The Board is in response to the growing number of older citizens who are returning to the workforce and the number of employers who are seeking elders to fill full- and part-time positions.

Employers interested in posting positions should send them to the Agawam Senior Center, 68 Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam, MA 01001, or fax them to 789-4092.

For more information, call 786-0400, ext. 242.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM LIQUOR LICENSING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given under General Laws Chapter 138, that Ferruccio's, Inc., Theresa Heckman, Manager, 1520 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001, has applied for Transfer of License/ New Location at 319-321 Suffield Street, 369 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. Proposed premises to be a banquet house/restaurant. Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, July 27, 1999, at 4:00 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Headquarters, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA.

LIQUOR LICENSING COMMISSION
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from the State Senate

by State Senator **Linda J. Melconian**

Drug Coverage For Seniors...

Since a federal court decision last October ruled that Massachusetts could not require HMOs to provide unlimited drug coverage, programs that provide this vital service have been in turmoil. With HMOs no longer providing prescription drugs, seniors (especially those on a limited income) have suffered enormous hardships in order to pay for necessary drugs.

The Massachusetts House of Representatives and the Senate, as well as the Cellucci administration, have listened to the pleas of seniors and each has crafted a plan in an attempt to solve this problem.

The Senate's proposal is the most ambitious. It expands the existing Senior Pharmacy program by doubling the benefit level to \$1,500, raising the income levels to 200 percent of the federal poverty level (\$16,488 for an individual and \$21,708 for a couple), making the program available to seniors who already have another source of drug coverage and creating a catastrophic drug coverage program.

This program would double the current funding for the Senior Pharmacy program to \$60 million and allocates additional future money to deal with catastrophic drug costs.

The House proposal is more modest, raising the benefit level to only \$1,000, leaving the income at 150 percent (\$12,360 for an individual and \$17,336



for a couple), allowing seniors to use an additional benefit program and creating a catastrophic drug program for seniors with expenses over five percent of their income.

The House has not allocated any additional money to fund this expansion. Both programs cover disabled individuals as well as seniors.

The Governor has taken a different tack. His program would create an insurance-style program for seniors 65 and older with a \$588 annual payment where the consumer is required to pay the first \$1,500 deductible and then receives coverage for all other drug costs.

Seniors with an income level of under 150 percent of poverty would be automatically enrolled in the program, would not have to pay the annual fee, and would have their first \$750 in drug costs covered. This proposal would cost approximately \$53 million, at least some of which is expected to be defrayed by premium payments.

I believe the Senate has taken the best approach — we expand an existing, proven program to cover the seniors in greatest need.

The House does not go far enough in its expansion, only modestly raising benefit levels and not providing any additional funding. The Governor's plan is an interesting one, but it relies on younger, healthy seniors to buy coverage, makes no provisions for individuals with disabilities, and will be very hard for seniors who earn just over 150 percent of the federal poverty level to afford.

Each of these proposals has different strengths and weaknesses, but the most important fact is that everyone recognizes the need to resolve this desperate problem quickly and effectively. Now that we have outlined different plans, it is time to take the best from each of them and arrive at a solution that maximizes benefits and coverage while keeping costs low.

Hopefully, the House and Senate in budget conference deliberations can act together to keep this issue above partisan politics, and we can act together to solve the largest crisis in the senior community today.

Please call my office, (413) 785-0820, if you want to contribute to the continuing debate surrounding prescription drug coverage.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM NOTICE!!!

You are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held at Agawam Middle School, 68 Main St., in the Town of Agawam, Massachusetts, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., on Monday, August 2, 1999 upon petition of BellAtlantic and Western Mass. Electric Company dated June 8, 1999 for permission to: install joint pole to improve voltage problem in the ways or parts of ways designated in said petition, along which designated route of line you are an owner of real estate as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation.

Dated this 12th day of July, 1999.

Information regarding this petition may be obtained from Western Mass. Electric Company in Springfield, Tel. No. 785-5871.

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Ursula Retzler
Clerk of the Council

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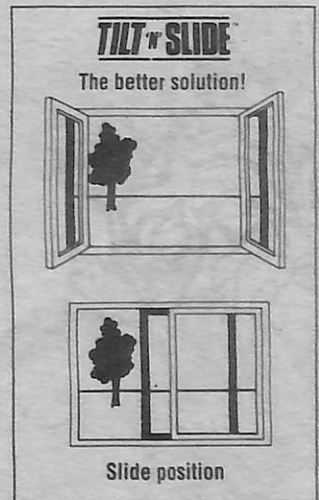
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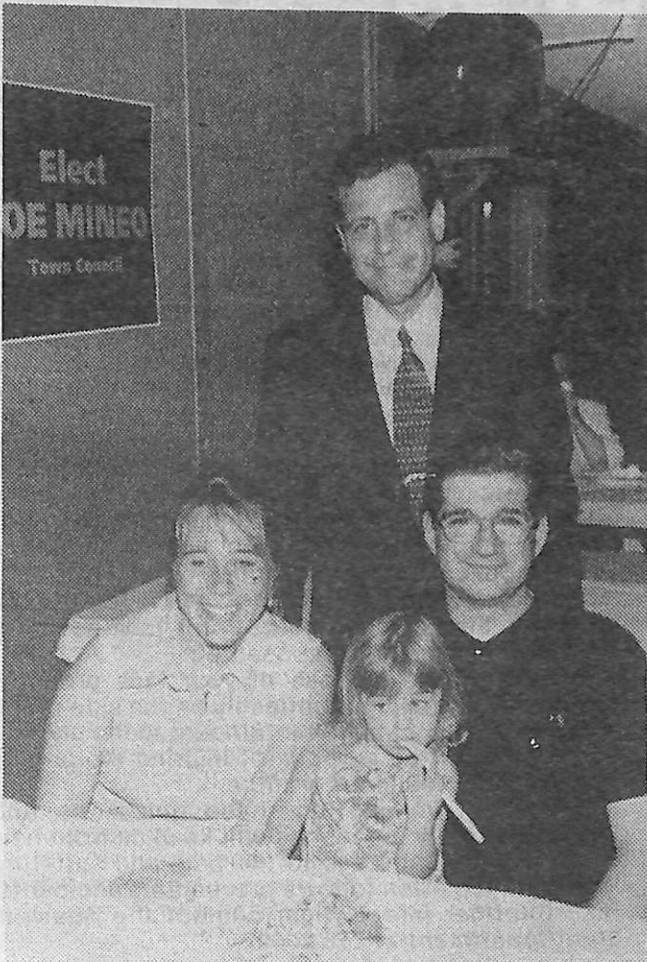


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Pasta/Meatball Fundraiser For Mineo...



JOSEPH MINEO, candidate for the Agawam Town Council in the upcoming fall election, held a Pasta & Meatball Dinner at the Polish American Club. IN LEFT PHOTO: Mineo (standing) with Francesca, Domenic, and Anna Pellegrino; IN CENTER PHOTO: Mineo with his wife, Anna, and Tom DeNardo; IN RIGHT PHOTO: Joseph and Anna Mineo with their children — Luca, Joanna, and Carmino.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you ... ADVERTISER NEWS!!!



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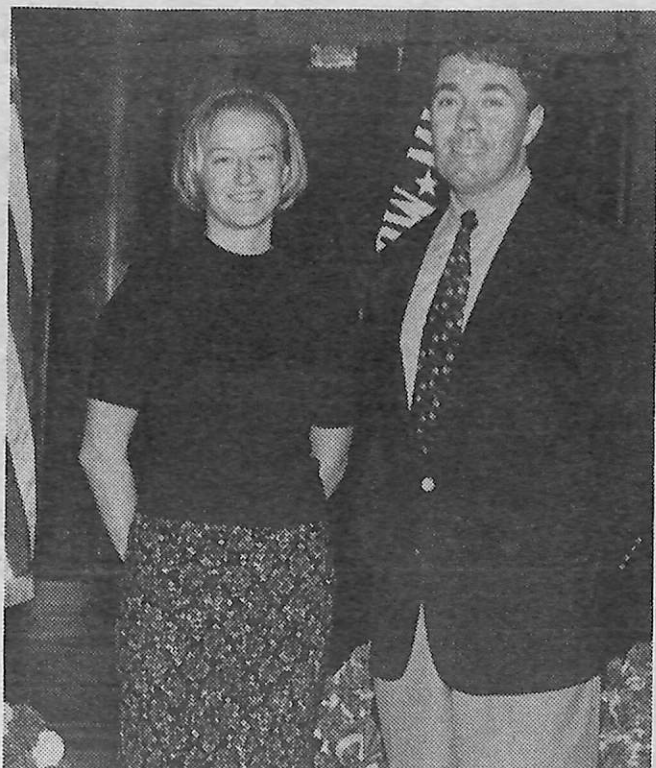
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Tasha Ann Poteat From Blandford...

Representative Dan Keenan Hires New Summer Intern

Representative Daniel Keenan is pleased to announce that Tasha Ann Poteat of Blandford will be taking part in the Internship program provided by the Massachusetts House of Representatives this summer. Tasha is the daughter of Opal and Stephen Poteat, also of Blandford.

Tasha has just finished her freshman year at UMASS Dartmouth as a Political Science major. During her first year, Tasha actively participated in Student Senate as a representative for her class and was also a member of the Residential Halls of Congress. Tasha has expressed a profound interest in politics.

"With this experience, I hope to gain sufficient knowledge of how politics and government work locally, as well as at the state level," Tasha stated.

The House of Representatives operates a summer Internship program to give college students the opportunity to see how state government works.

"Tasha has been an asset to my office. She is learning as well as providing service to the residents of the Third Hampden District," stated Rep. Keenan.

FireWise...

Be Careful With Propane And BBQ Grills

by Fire Inspector Michael R. Mercadante
Agawam Fire Department

Complacency has gripped our residents. The most regulated compressed gas, propane, has found its way into almost every household. More and more people are using these types of grills with little or no concern for safety, and when safety is a concern it is usually too little too late.

Let's go over some facts about propane.

1. Propane is heavier than air so if a leak occurs, it will pocket in low areas such as cellar window wells, corners of enclosed porches or any depression, valley, or space of confinement.

2. Because propane is heavier than air, it can leak for some time before being detected by smell and be well into explosive range quantities.

3. The average propane tank — approximately 20 pounds — has the equivalent explosive capacity of several sticks of dynamite, and even an empty tank has enough residual gas to severely damage a house.

So where does that leave us? How can something so dangerous be handled safely? Following these few simple laws will help keep you, your family, and neighbors safe.

1. **Never bring propane inside whether the propane tank is empty or full — not even for a minute.** This includes the cellar.

2. **Never keep or use your grill up against any exterior wall of a residence.** Although specific circumstances have specific distances, a good rule is 10 feet from any combustible. The siding on many homes has been set afire by grills too close.

3. **Never keep, store, or use propane gas grills on any roof, balcony, or fire escape.** The laws pertaining to this are fairly simple. Bringing a gas

grill above the first floor is not only very dangerous, but illegal.

4. **Never keep more propane than you need.** The law allows you approximately 40 pounds of propane. That means three or more propane tanks require a storage permit from the Fire Department.

5. **Keep tanks out of direct sun and painted white.** Remember, a dark, dirty, or rusted tank absorbs heat from sunlight. A hot tank is a dangerous tank. Overheating of a tank can cause excessive pressure to build up and cause propane gas to escape by way of the pressure release valve, creating a very dangerous situation.

6. **Never travel with the propane tank in the passenger compartment of your car.** A leak occurring in this location would give you almost no chance of a safe escape. Make sure all tanks have a safety plug which should be used when the tank is not hooked up or being transported.

7. **Look for the date stamped at the top of your propane tank.** After 12 years, your tank needs to be either retested or disposed of.

8. And please dispose of your tank properly. Discarding a tank thoughtlessly on the side of the road or in a dumpster is tantamount to the placing of a bomb for the purpose of injuring the public, possibly your children or mine.

Together, working on these guidelines and other fire safety guidelines will keep us from having to be held hostage to the pain and suffering which all too often follows preventable accidents.

For further information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

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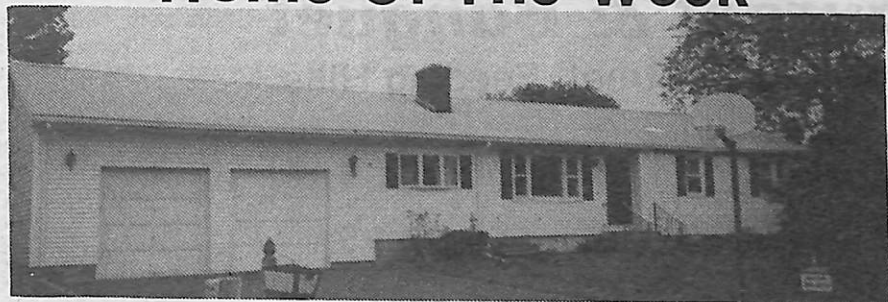
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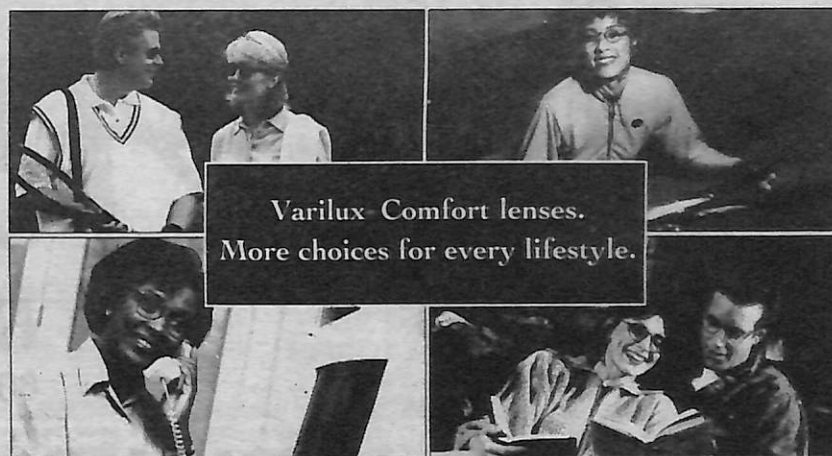
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— Agawam Obituaries —

Barbara B. Perry

Barbara B. (Wallace) Perry, 71, of Mooreland Street, Agawam, died recently at home.

She was an office clerk at Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co. for 10 years, later working in the physicians' office of Fitzpatrick & Moran for five years.

Born and raised in Springfield, she lived in Agawam for 40 years.

She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills, a member of St. John's Church's Catholic Women's Club, and the Over-60 Club.

She leaves her husband of 53 years, George A. Perry; six sons, George L. of Enfield, Richard A. of Indianapolis, Indiana, and Michael T., Dennis J., Fred W., and Kenneth P., all of Feeding Hills; two daughters, Ruth A. Perry and Lynn A. Chicoine, both of Feeding Hills; and 12 grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home in West Springfield and in Sacred Heart Church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Sacred Heart Church, 1103 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

Leroy C. Brouillette

Leroy C. "Roy" Brouillette, 99, of 462 Main Street, Agawam, formerly of Pasco Road in Indian Orchard, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He was a 40-year buyer for the former Forbes and Wallace Department Store in Springfield, retiring in 1965.

Born in Ludlow, he lived in Springfield for 88 years, Indian Orchard for 10 years, and in Agawam for the past year.

He was a former Eucharistic minister at St. Michael's Cathedral in Springfield, and was presently a communicant of St. Jude's Chapel in Indian Orchard.

He leaves many close friends, including Eugene and Phyllis Lemire, Denise Hudson, and Dominic and Elianne Sarlo, all of Indian Orchard, and John Gopp of Springfield.

The funeral was held at Ratell Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery in Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 1111 Elm Street, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Ann H. Psilos

Ann H. (George) Psilos, 82, of 125 Cardinal Drive, Agawam, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She and her husband owned Paul's Shoe Center in Chicopee until they sold the shop in 1979.

Born in Haydenville, she lived in Springfield most of her life before moving to Agawam three years ago.

She was a communicant of St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral, and was a member of their Philothochos Society.

She was an advisor and co-founder of Greek Orthodox Youth of America and later the Junior Greek Orthodox Youth of America.

She was instrumental in starting the Senior Center of St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral.

She leaves her husband of 62 years, Paul Psilos; a son, Paul D. of Union, Illinois; a daughter, Diana J. Psilopoulos of West Dennis; a brother, Platon George of Tucson, Arizona; two sisters, Claire Maniatty of Chicopee Falls, and Bess Wilson of Springfield; a friend, Jane Parakilas; and five grandchildren.

The funeral was held in the church, with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery. West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 8 Plainfield Street, Springfield, MA 01104, or to St. Luke's Greek Orthodox Church, 400 Prospect Street, East Longmeadow, MA 01028.

Russell L. Scott

Russell L. Scott, 74, of 31 Reed Street, Agawam, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

Born in Cambridge, he lived in West Springfield for more than 30 years, and moved to Agawam in 1952.

He worked with West Springfield Motor Express in the 1940's and with Interstate Motor Freight in Chicopee for 35 years. He also worked for Con-Rail, retiring from there in 1984.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in the Philippines.

He was a member of Teamsters Union Local 404, a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church, and a member of the Catholic Men's Club.

He leaves his wife, the former Mary Russo; two sons, Russell L. Jr. of Belchertown, and William C. of Sunderland; a daughter, Jacqueline Moreno of Whately; a sister, Miriam Kennedy of Montgometry; and four grandchildren.

The funeral was held at West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association, 393 Maple Street, Springfield, MA 01105.

Charles Goncalves

Charles Goncalves, 79, of Sun City Center, Florida, and formerly of Feeding Hills, died recently at Winter Haven (Florida) Hospital.

He was a long-time employee of the Adams and Ruxton Construction Co. in West Springfield, from where he retired in 1985 as general superintendent.

Born in Ludlow, he served in the Civilian Conservation Corps as a young man.

He was a World War II Marine Corps veteran of the Pacific Campaign, serving on the USS North Carolina. He also served during the Korean War.

He was a former communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills, and a lifetime member of Springfield (Massachusetts) Elks Lodge 61.

He leaves his wife of 53 years, Janet; two daughters, Jerelyn Hamel of Blandford and Candis Rose of Northampton; and four grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at the Prince of Peace Church in Sun City Center.

Suzanne M. Kerrigan

Suzanne M. (Ballantine) Kerrigan, 39, of 15 Cot-

tonwood Lane, Agawam, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

Born and educated in Watertown, New York, she lived in Fulton, New York, before moving to Agawam in 1996.

She leaves her husband, Francis R. Kerrigan; a daughter, Amber M. Kerrigan of Agawam; a stepson, William J. of Hawaii; her parents, William Ballantine of Adams Center, New York, and Louise (Babb) Ballantine of Watertown; two brothers, Edward Evans of Watertown, and Terry Evans of New York City; and two sisters, Brenda Harmych of Copenhagen, New York, and Karen Denner of Watertown.

The funeral was held in Watertown, with burial in Brookside Cemetery. Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the local arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lupus Foundation of America, Massachusetts Chapter, 425 Watertown Street, Newton, MA 02158.

Barbara C. Kenyon

Barbara C. Kenyon, 71, of Plantation Drive, Agawam, died recently at a local nursing home.

Born in Springfield, she was a 25-year resident of Agawam.

She leaves two sisters, Helen D. Coor of Springfield, and Jacqueline Wing of Florida.

All services were private, and the Nowak Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Ruby E. Leggett

Ruby E. (Sinnott) Leggett, 101, of Feeding Hills, died recently in a local nursing home.

Born in Scotch Lake, Nova Scotia, Canada, she moved to Lowell at an early age and was educated there.

She lived in Feeding Hills for 60 years.

Her husband, John A., died in 1966. A son, Ian Gray, and a daughter, Barbara Leggett, also predeceased her.

She leaves her close friends, Ray and Priscilla Forsman and Roberta Cesan, all of Feeding Hills.

A graveside service took place in Peacham Cemetery, Peacham, Vermont, and Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Vaughan W. Kelley

Vaughan W. Kelley, 88, of Feeding, a shoe department manager for 16 years for Bond Clothing, Inc., of Los Angeles, California, until he retired in 1972, died on Friday, July 9th.

Born in Caribou, Maine, he lived in Garden Grove, California, for 19 years, and later lived in East Port, Maine, for 20 years before he returned to Agawam seven years ago. He had also worked for the Sears Roebuck Company for 22 years prior to working for Bond Clothing.

The husband of the late Clara M. (Bassett) Kelley who died in 1992, he is survived by a son, Vaughan W. Kelley of Costa Mesa, California; a daughter, Sandra H. Rescigno of Feeding Hills; three grandsons; and three great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held on Wednesday morning, July 14th, in the Springfield Street Cemetery, Feeding Hills. There were no calling hours, and the Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam was in charge of the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 53 Capital Drive, West Springfield, MA 01089.

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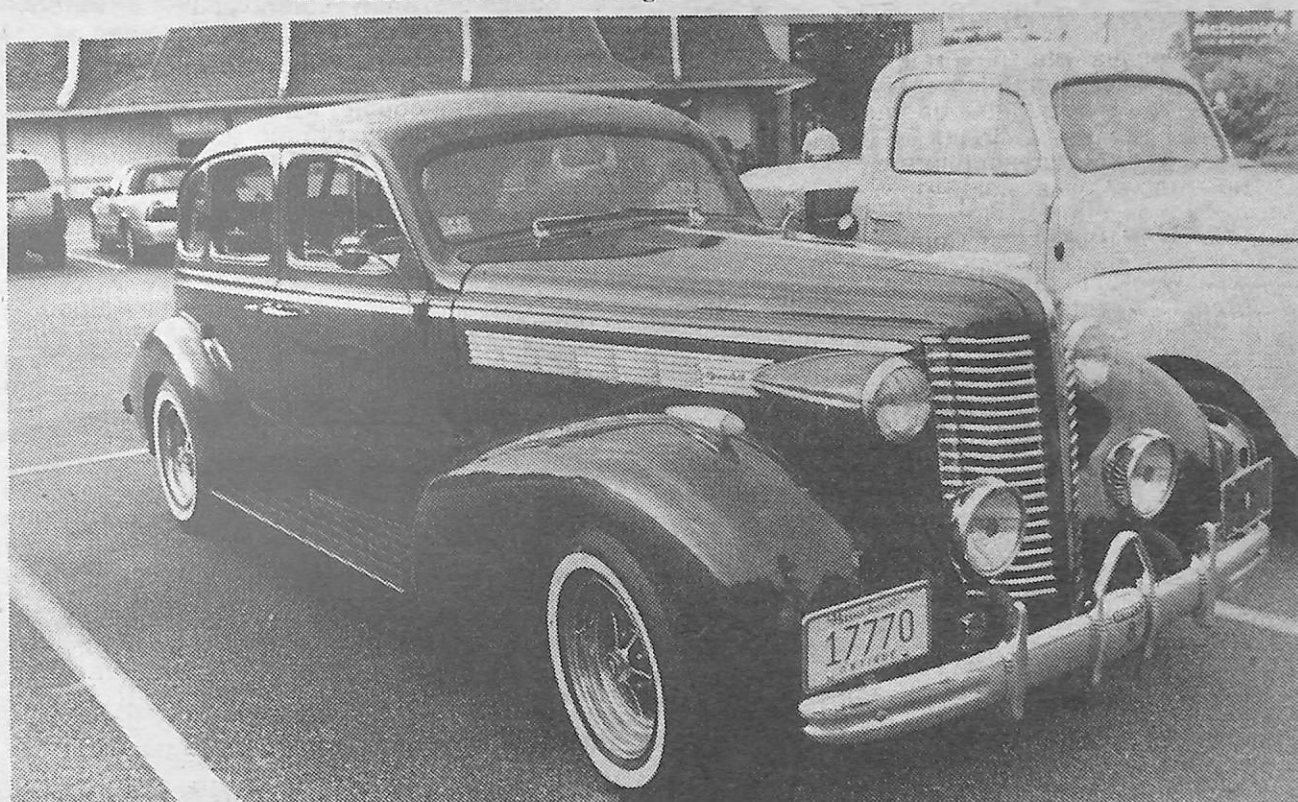


Families

"Cruising" At The Agawam McDonald's...



IF YOU GO BY THE AGAWAM MCDONALD'S any Friday night, you'll see a car lover's dream. It's the Valley Cruisers having their weekly "Cruise Night," and they hope you'll stop by. Dan, the McDonald's manager, is kind enough to let these car lovers "do their thing" in the parking lot, and they donate all the money from their raffles to the Ronald McDonald House. IN LEFT PHOTO: John & Bonnie Cleveland, Jack Gelgut, George Circosta, Allan Curran, and Ralph McEwan, Jr. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Jack Gelgut with a '55 Pontiac. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



IF YOU HAVE A CLASSIC CAR (such as the '38 Buick Special pictured above) and would like to meet some really great people, stop by the Agawam McDonald's between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. on Friday nights. See the cars, listen to the music, and contribute to a good cause. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Targets Drum And Bugle Corps Schedules July 24th Competition

The Targets Junior Drum and Bugle Corps of Springfield will host an outdoor Eastern MA Drum and Bugle Corps competition on Saturday, July 24th, at Central High School, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

In competition will be units from Belchertown, Billerica, Belleville, NJ, Braintree, Ludlow, Templeton, and Springfield. The Marksmen Alumni Drum and Bugle Corps will perform in exhibition.

Advance tickets are \$5 (general admission) and \$4 (seniors and children ages five to 10). The ticket prices on the day of the show will be \$6 and \$4. Gates will open at 6:00 p.m.

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TOASTMASTERS Meet In Agawam

Agawam/West Side TOASTMASTERS, a club which promotes better communication and speaking skills, meets every second and fourth Thursday of each month, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., in the meeting room of Country Estates, 1200 Suffolk Street, Agawam.

The public is invited to attend for free. For more information, call Jim, 789-2925, or Richard, 786-0887.

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, July 19th: Swedish meatballs with noodles, vegetables, rye bread, peaches.

Tuesday, July 20th: Baked chicken breast, cheese-baked potatoes, spinach, oat bread, brownies.

Wednesday, July 21st: Pork roast, baked potatoes, carrot coins, whole wheat bread, applesauce.

Thursday, July 22nd: Beef barley soup, corned beef on rye, corn on the cob, lemon pudding.

Friday, July 23rd: Baked fish, baked beans, cole slaw, whole wheat bread, prunes.

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Join the Agawam Friendly Travelers for an Atlantic City getaway — three days on "The Boardwalk" — at Bally's Park Place Casino Hotel, September 12-14, 1999.

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For a change of pace, try shopping at the nearby Ocean One Mall. On Tuesday, we will have free time before departure in the afternoon. On the way home, there will be a break for dinner (on your own) as well as a comfort stop. The arrival home will be at 9:00 p.m.

This tour includes round-trip motorcoach transportation; deluxe accommodations at Bally's Park Place; \$30 coin bonus; baggage handling (of one bag per person); and all taxes and gratuities (including the driver).

The cost per person is \$159 for double or triple occupancy, and \$229 for single occupancy.

For further information, please call Nellie Mathias at 786-9093, or stop by the ticket booth at the Agawam Senior Center, which is open daily from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

This trip is open to the general public, and a deposit will hold your reservation.

Veterans' Corner...

Info. On VA Home Loan Certificates

by Ruth C. Bitzas
Veterans' Agent — 786-0400, Ext. 236/237

Last week, I attended the Massachusetts Veterans' Agents Association Summer Conference and came home with all the latest news. Of special interest are the changes that relate to obtaining certificates of eligibility needed to purchase a home with a VA approved loan.

The Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA) has established an Eligibility Center in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, to improve service to veterans and lenders. The purpose of the center is to determine entitlement for home loan benefits and issue certificates of eligibility. The center uses an automated system and issues a simplified certificate that is described in Change 30 to the VA Lender's Handbook (VA Pamphlet 26-7).

Effective July 1, 1999, all mailed requests for certificates of eligibility from Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont must be sent to the Eligibility Center in Winston-Salem. Mailed requests received by local VA Regional Offices after June 30, 1999 will be forwarded to the Eligibility Center for processing.

Please use the following addresses: REGULAR MAIL — Eligibility Center, P.O. Box 20729, Winston-Salem, NC 27120. ALL OVERNIGHT MAIL should be sent to VA Regional Office, Eligibility Center, 251 North Main Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27155.

Also, you can reach the Eligibility Center at the following toll-free number: 1-888-244-6711.

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Mr. & Mrs. R. Pickett Celebrate 50th Anniv.

Robert & Gloria Pickett celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a garden party given by their daughters, Sheryl Larson and Robin Paton at the home of Joseph & Patricia Rescigno at 314 Rowley St., Agawam.

The celebration was attended by friends and relatives of the couple, who were married July 2, 1949 at St. Anthony Church and renewed their vows at St. Anthony's by Father Bill.

At Riverside's Family Music And Fun Night...

Agawam Library's Summer Readers To Vie For New Bikes

Two lucky kids in the Agawam Library's Summer Reading Program will win brand-new bicycles donated by Riverside Park. One boy's and one girl's bike will be raffled off at RIVERSIDE'S FAMILY MUSIC AND FUN NIGHT on Saturday evening, July 24th, on Phelps Green.

Raffle tickets are available at the library on Cooper Street, and can be picked up during any open hours. To be eligible for the prize drawings, kids ages six and up just need to bring their Summer Reading Program calendars to the library reference desk (with a least three reading days logged off on them) by July 23rd.

Staff members will give tickets to each eligible participant, who will then be responsible for bringing the tickets to the program on the 24th. Boys and girls must be present at the program at win the bikes.

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Frank A. Forastiere Installed As New President Of The MFDA



THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE MFDA: seated — Nancy Doherty-Neri, President Frank A. Forastiere, and John Crane; standing — Michael Norton, Anthony Cota, and Ronald Harrell.

On Saturday, June 12th, Frank A. Forastiere, president of the Forastiere Family Funeral Homes of Springfield and surrounding towns, was installed as the new president of the Massachusetts Funeral Directors Association (MFDA).

The Forastiere Family Funeral Homes include Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home, 985 Main Street, Agawam, and Southwick-Forastiere Funeral Home, 624 College Highway.

The MFDA represents over 500 funeral homes in the state; is the largest organization of funeral service practitioners in the Commonwealth; and is a federated state affiliate of the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA).

Forastiere's installation took place at Springfield's Basketball Hall of Fame — a very unique location and a first-time visit for most of the 150 funeral directors and officials from the MFDA and the NFDA who attended from all over Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Connecticut, and Rhode Island.

The election of a president from this part of the state, as well as the decision to hold the installation in Springfield, is a fine tribute to Forastiere, the community, and the funeral industry.

Rev. Richard Scioli, pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Springfield, gave the invocation at the opening of the meeting. The annual meeting was conducted by outgoing President Anthony Cota, who installed the 17 members of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors.

The installation of President Frank A. Forastiere was conducted by John Carmon, secretary of NFDA.

Since 1997, Forastiere has served as the first and second vice-president of the MFDA. What's more, he has been on the MFDA's Board of Directors and Executive Committee.

For 30 years, he has provided service to the families of the Greater Springfield area, and he is also a member of the NFDA.

Forastiere has followed in the footsteps of a family of funeral service practitioners, and 11 family members are in funeral service. His grandparents, Frank and Carmela Forastiere, founded the company in 1905, and his father, Anthony, continued the business from 1933 to 1972.

Frank A. Forastiere came on board in 1968, followed by his brother, Peter, in 1975. Together, they have expanded the business to include six funeral homes in Springfield, Agawam, Southwick, East Longmeadow, Northampton, and Chicopee.

Forastiere is quite active in civic, social, and religious organizations. He is a member of Springfield's South End Merchants Association, the Knights of Columbus, Springfield Lodge of Elks (Number 61), UNICO National Service Club (past president/member), Italian Cultural Center (Board of Directors/member), and has served on the Mt. Carmel School Board in Springfield.

In 1978, Forastiere was appointed to the Springfield Fire Commission by then-Mayor Theodore A. Dimauro, and he served as chairman of that commission for six years.

Forastiere is married to the former Lila Gadaire, has four daughters and three grandsons, and resides in Longmeadow.

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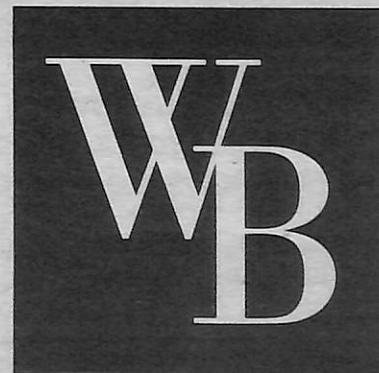
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Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



IN TOP PHOTO: Betty Baszak, Millie Pohner, Dolores Cichetti, Joan Kane, Conrad Phillips, Joan Bonnecco, Sandy Rescigno, and Marjorie Greenough. IN PHOTO BELOW: Say "Cheese!" - The reunion attendees posing for a group photo. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Both Kathleen and Richard are graduates of Agawam High School.

Kathleen received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Western New England College and is currently employed at *The Valley Advocate* as a sales coordinator.

Richard is a graduate of Westfield State College with a Bachelor of Science degree. He is employed at Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co. as a systems analyst.

The couple is planning a July 2000 wedding.

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AT THE ANNUAL CHICKEN BARBECUE held by Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter 2: **IN LEFT PHOTO:** standing - Rupert Kane, Richard Dutton, Mildred Dutton, and Ernest Swanson; seated - Ethel Kane, Helen Graveline, and Barbara Swanson. **IN RIGHT PHOTO:** Eileen and Arthur Collier. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



THESE "GOLDEN AGERS" ARE READY FOR THEIR MEAL: Silver Wellisch, Noah Nesin, Eleanor Geiger, Leah Nesin, Ann Newman, Sally LaPierre, and Lydia Martignetti. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Golden Age Club (Ch. 2) Holds Chicken Barbecue

On Wednesday, July 7th, Perry McCobb, President of Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter 2, welcomed everyone to the chapter's Annual Chicken Barbecue that was held at Shaker Farms Country Club in Westfield.

McCobb's welcome was followed by the "Pledge of Allegiance," and Chaplain Leanne Dion was introduced to offer a prayer and the blessing of food.

A delicious charcoal-broiled chicken dinner was served by the Shaker Farms chefs. The excellent dinner was topped off by everyone making their own ice cream sundaes.

Following dinner, McCobb thanked the following members of the Barbecue Committee: Harry Durant (table arrangements), Arthur and Eileen Collier, Barbara Sherry (ticket sales), Mary Spinelli (ticket punches), and Virginia Lake (entertainment).

Club members having birthdays during the month of July were recognized by the singing of the traditional "Happy Birthday."

Entertainment was presented by Paul Entrees, who provided musical selections on the harmonica and numerous anecdotes.

At the conclusion of the program, everyone joined in singing "God Bless America."



CHAPTER 2 GOLDEN AGERS Virginia Lake, Mary Spinelli, Perry McCobb, and Barbara Sherry. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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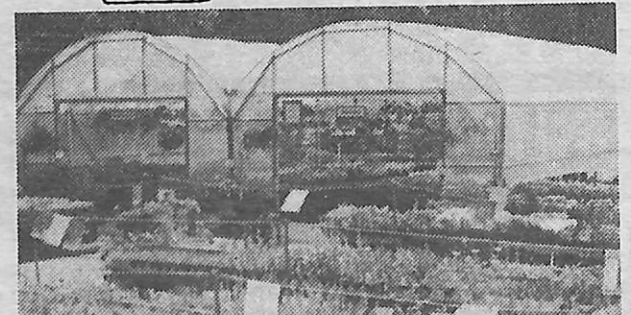
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Church News



SISTER FRAN GLOSTER, whose last day at St. John's Church was on July 9th, with Summer Bible Camp participants Cassidy Cunningham and Angelo Manzi. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Saying Good-Bye To St. John's...

Sister Fran Gloster Answers A New Call

by Kathy Shepard
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Sister Fran Gloster, Director of Religious Education of St. John the Evangelist Parish on Main Street, Agawam Center, has made a career change from religious education to pastoral ministry. Her last day with St. John the Evangelist was on July 9th. She will begin her new vocation in mid-August, as pastoral director in the Office of Bereavement for the Diocese of Springfield.

Sister Fran felt it was time for a change after serving nine years at Immaculate Conception Parish in Easthampton and three years at St. John's as director of Religious Education. Her decision to make this career change preceded the election of Sister Fran White to the Leadership Team of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

"I loved working at St. John's, but I felt the need for a change from religious education to some other expression of service. I am thankful that I found it," she affirmed.

While Sister Fran was seeking the career opportunity through which she might best utilize her individual gifts, she asked Sister Judith Smeltz, director of Pastoral Ministry for the Diocese, if she knew of any positions available. An opportunity, then just in the proposal stages, sounded right to Sister Fran because it would allow her to serve parishioners who had experienced the loss of a loved one.

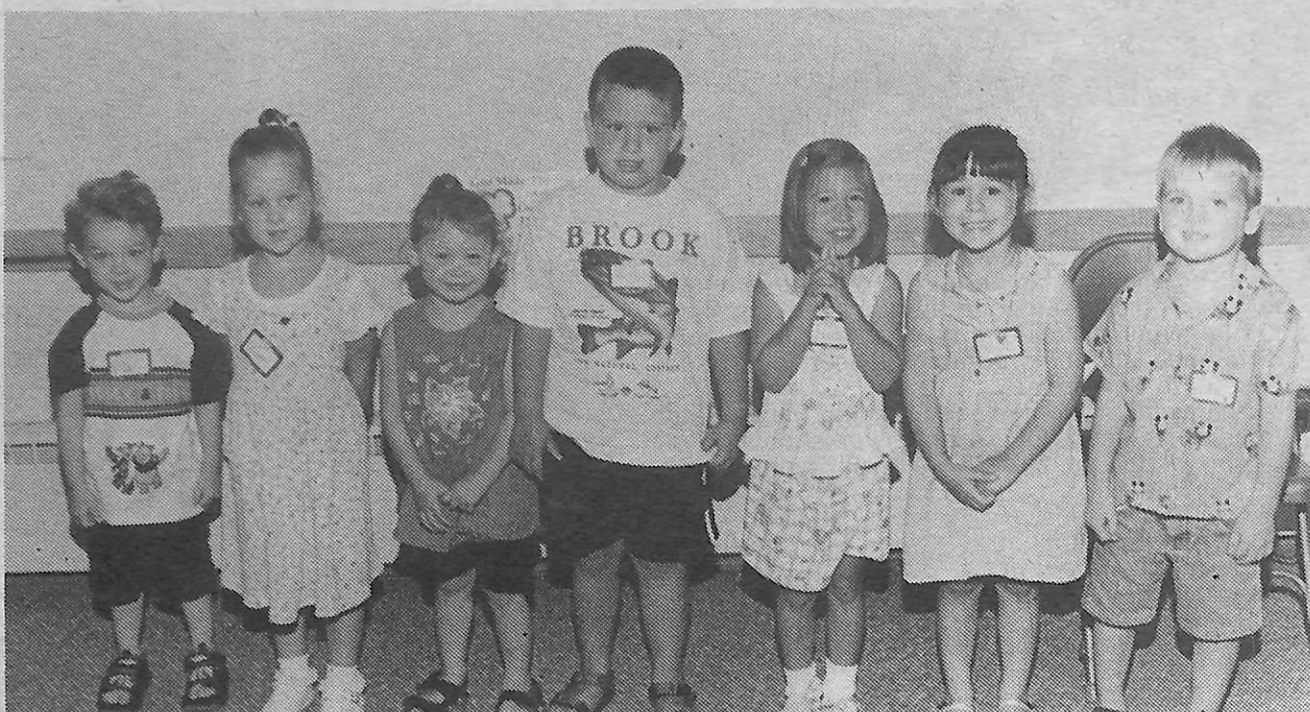
In her work all along, situations came up when she would comfort the bereaved, and it seemed natural to her.

Expansion Of Bereavement Office...

For the past several years, under the Office of the Pastoral Ministry for the diocese, there has been a Bereavement Office, and this new position is an expansion of that office. Bishop O'Neil started the Bereavement Office, but feedback throughout the Diocese had suggested a need to expand the office.

Sister Fran's long-range plans are "to have a team of parishioners in each parish who will minister to those who have lost loved ones. We want the bereaved to know that *we are there for them*," she continues, "and we try to find the level of contact that is comfortable for the grieving person. If that means we call or drop them a note

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THE SUMMER BIBLE CAMP at St. John the Evangelist Church was held from July 5th through July 9th. Among the participants were Dillon Clark, Lauren Brodeur, Christa Marsh, Michael Krupczak, Laura Manzi, Jillian Peets, and Connor Wier. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



HAPPY "BIBLE CAMPERS": back row - Melissa Hryniewicz, Heather Krassler, Jennifer Ravi, Katie Tower, Keith Wetmore, Talia Saracino, and Melissa Marsh; front row - Leonard Bruso and Joseph Wetmore. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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once a month, or we visit twice a year, it's whatever the person needs in order to weather the storm of grief and loss."

Sister Fran will be overseeing a team of people from all of the parishes who have volunteered to serve on the Bereavement Team. The plan is based on a program that has been in existence in the diocese of San Francisco. During the first year after losing a loved one, grief often overwhelms a survivor, and this can certainly continue for much longer. To have someone there for that surviving family member or friend can make an enormous difference, and the program has been highly successful in California.

The woman who has been running the program in San Francisco will present a workshop at Mont Marie for the volunteers who will serve on the Bereavement Team.

"This is an intense training session which begins Friday, August 20th, and will run all day Saturday and Sunday," Sister Fran explains. "It is possible that this program will be adopted nationally."

Sister Fran seems cut out for this line of work. When she was 12, her 17 year-old sister died and she spent many years contemplating this loss. The idea of support for grieving persons is to "help them to think of a larger picture, to sense the hope that is inherent in the concept of spirituality. I try to point out to people who are suffering with the grief of loss that it is wonderful that they *do* miss their loved ones. They were blessed with such a relationship. And although the grieving person is feeling tremendous pain from the loss, they might also feel some joy that there was so much love."

Her Style Of Listening, Caring, & Comforting...

While her absence from St. John the Evangelist will be felt, many people will benefit greatly from Sister Fran's style of listening, caring, and comforting. She has given many emotions her thought and attention and seems to have a soothing and original way of responding to the many disturbing questions and hurts that human beings endure, especially during the vulnerable early days after a beloved person has passed away. She is perfect for her new job and will bring much ease to the

St. John's Parish News And Notes

MISSION COOPERATIVE NEXT WEEKEND

Each year, we extend an invitation to a Missionary Community to come to St. John's under the auspices of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith to share their experiences of Church and allow us to participate in their work.

Next weekend, Sister Mary Dooley, SSJ, will make an appeal on behalf of the Church in China as a representative of the U.S. Catholic China Bureau. Sister Mary has spent much time in China and will share her story about our brothers and sisters in China proclaiming the Gospel in the midst of difficult external circumstances.

There are over 10 million Catholics who, in spite of intense persecution, have not only survived but have grown because of it.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

If there are any adults who have not as yet been Confirmed, we will be having the Sacrament here at St. John's in October.

Sessions will be held to prepare candidates during August and September. Call the Rectory at 786-8105 to register.

MILLENNIUM QUILT

If you missed the application form to obtain a Quilt Square for your family, they are available at the doors of the church.

There seem to be some questions about this project. You will not have to do any sewing; you will be supplied with a square of material on which you will write your family name.

A crew of seamstresses will put it all together. They just need to know how many families are interested so they can plan the details of making the Quilt.

Your family will be missed if you are not involved in this Jubilee Project.

SR. FRANCES GLOSTER

A special word of thanks to Sr. Frances Gloster, who has completed her assignment as our Director of Religious Education. She did a fine job not only overseeing our program, but spending many, many hours with individual students to bring them up to speed with their classes.

We wish Sister well in her new job in the Diocesan Office of Pastoral Ministry.

JUBILEE 2000

Have you signed up yet for one of the many projects we hope to orchestrate for the "Jubilee Year 2000"? Time is slipping by rather quickly.

Each of the clubs and organizations in the parish is encouraged to be involved in at least one such project.

You will not be around for the next millennium ... make sure you take some active role in this very special commemoration of the Birth of the Lord Jesus.



THESE SUMMER BIBLE CAMP PARTICIPANTS were among those who said "good-bye" to Sister Fran Gloster recently: back row - Roger Brusio, Amy Hryniewicz, Kevin Kulshrestha, Jonathan Reidy, Katie Sullivan, Vince Wetmore, and Cassidy Cunningham; front row - Mia Ghedi, Josh Goggin, Angelo Manzi, and Mariah Peets. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

suffering of many.

Sister Fran has been coordinating St. John's Summer Bible Camp for ages four through eight. There were 27 children who participated this year from July 5th through July 9th. The camp ran from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon and lasted one week. At this point, no decisions have been announced about her replacement.

The St. John's Parish Council and members of

the Religious Education Board took Sister Fran to Storowton for a farewell dinner. Judy Cross, president of the Parish Council and a religious education teacher, said, "Sister Fran Gloster has been wonderful with the young people and the adults, bridging religion with the everyday aspects of daily life. We will miss her, but she will be very good at bringing comfort to the many people who face the loss of loved ones."

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Where Does Trouble Come From?

Is there anybody out there who hasn't had more than their fair share of difficulties? "Life is a bowl of cherries," and sometimes we get stuck with the pits. There is nobody for whom that isn't sometimes true. It's been the same for all of history. Where does trouble come from, and why can't anybody escape it?

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth... And God saw that it was good. In the earliest days of creation, it appears that trouble was not there. Everything worked the way it was supposed to. There was harmony among the animals. There was harmony between people (although it should be admitted, there were only two of them!). There was harmony between people and the beasts. Most importantly, there was harmony between people and their Creator, God.

Sadly, the harmony of the earliest days of creation didn't last. An intervening event, instigated by an outsider, caused things to go awry. Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" Things were going so well, and then the devil got into the act. However, the devil didn't cause the trouble all by himself. He couldn't cause the trouble all by himself; he needed people to do that. At first, Eve, then Adam, became willing accomplices in the first sin.

Sin is an amazing thing. It has so many traits! For one thing, sin is amazingly deceptive. When any of us considers doing something wrong, especially something small, almost immediately the thought occurs to us, "Who cares?" Sometimes we also think, "Whose business is it anyway?" While most decent people would agree that big sins are bad, we often think that little sins are harmless. "What's the big deal if I eat from one tree or another?", Eve may have thought.

Sin always has consequences. Sin's consequences are oftentimes cumulative; sin's effects have a way of compounding and magnifying. That first, seemingly little sin brought trouble into the world. The Bible tells us that the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

The effects of that first sin spread like cancer throughout the created world, destroying the harmony which originally existed in the created order; between animals, between animals and us, between people, and between people and God. The devil, manipulating people, instigated the trouble; but that doesn't mean the devil is more powerful than God, nor us, for that matter. God is still in charge. Jesus once told a story to illustrate this very point.

"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat." When the wheat sprouted, so did the weeds. Some of the farmhands suggested the weeds be pulled up immediately, but the farmer was concerned that the wheat would be disturbed, and possibly destroyed, in the process. He said, "Let both of them grow until the harvest; then collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."

Nobody likes trouble, but we can look forward to its eventual eradication, because sin was conquered by Jesus on the cross. In the meantime, I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.

"Church News" is a regular feature of The Agawam Advertiser News and is just one more reason why you turn our pages every week...

News And Notes From F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Our Sunday morning service of worship begins at 9:30 a.m.

Diane Ball will fill in for Rev. Donaldson as our guest speaker. (Rev. Donaldson will return from vacation and preach on Sunday, July 25th.)

The lectionary readings for the eighth Sunday after Pentecost will be Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 (or Isaiah 44:6-8; Psalm 86:11-17); Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43.

Jackie Gilmartin will be our Lector. Children are invited to attend worship with adults and help with the prop preparations for Vacation Bible School. Nursery care will be provided for the very young.

You're invited to "Jungle Journey: Exploring God's Promises." This year's jungle-themed Vacation Bible School will take place from Monday, August 16th, to Friday, August 20th. Fun activities are planned from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. each day.

Children attending worship services on Sundays during July and August will help prepare the props. Confirmation Class members, as well as adults, are needed to help run the activities and supply the necessary craft items or snacks.

Please call Lynn Hall at 782-6794 if you have any questions.

Church World Service is looking for a clerk typist to work part-time, about 25 hours per week. The person filling this position will serve as a support staff person for the Northern New England CWS/CROP office. Advanced word processing and data entry assistance is also part of the job. Good record-keeping and office receptionist skills are required.

Please call the church office or check the bulletin board for complete information. Interested applicants should mail their resume and cover letter (postmarked no later than August 4, 1999) to: Church World Service/CROP, Attention: KML, P.O. Box 968, Elkhart, IN 46515.

On Tuesday, July 20th, visiting youth sponsored by Operation Friendship will arrive. Sponsored by our church, Operation Friendship is a worldwide organization that promotes global friendships among our youth.

The young people will visit with us, staying in the homes of other OF members, until August 10th.

On the calendar:
Sunday, July 18th: 9:30 a.m., Worship led by Diane Ball; 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m., Church of Redemption.
Tuesday, July 20th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.
Thursday, July 22nd: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

For photo coverage in The AAN, please call Jack Devine at 789-0053...

Weekly Calendar From Ag. Congregational

This Sunday, July 18th, is the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost. Join us for the Summer Worship Service at 9:30 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

Rev. Fuller's Sermon will be "Jacob's Dream," taken from Genesis 28:10-19. Join us for the special anthem music sung by choir member Warren Tapply and accompanied by Ellen Cogen, Minister of Music.

The reverend's Children's Message will be "Hard To Judge!"

Summer Church School continues and will be held immediately following the Children's Message.

Men's Prayer Time is held weekly on Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. This half-hour includes a devotional reading, prayer, and a time of refreshments and fellowships.

All are welcome to this very special time. For more information, contact Rev. Fuller at 786-7111.

Coming up soon!!! The joint Vacation Bible Camp (Agawam Congregational and Agawam First Baptist Church) is planned for July 26th through July 30th. This year's theme is "The Great Bibleland Dig," and it will be held from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Cost is \$7 per child (three or more per family, no additional fee). Children ages two through the sixth grade are welcome to attend.

To register your child and/or if you are willing to volunteer any time during the week, please call the church office at 786-7111.

All Church/After Church/Sunday Baseball Bus Trip: Join us on Sunday, August 1st, for a bus trip down to Norwich, CT, to see the Norwich Navigators versus the Portland Sea Dogs. Come to church and we will leave right after the service at 11:00 a.m.

The four-pack includes four tickets, four hot dogs, four sodas, four bags of chips, and the bus ride. All this for only \$40!

Make your reservations today. Deadline for your prepay tickets is Wednesday, July 28th. Call the church office for more information at 786-7111.

Sign-up today!!! There is limited seating and the seats are going fast.

For more information concerning any of our events, please call the church office at 786-7111.

Faith Bible Church Hosting Seminar

Faith Bible Church, located at 370 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam, is now hosting a 52-week series seminar entitled "The End Times."

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Spotlight On Business



IN LEFT PHOTO: Town Councilor Donald Rheault and Mayor Christopher Johnson with the 22-foot-tall OREO Blizzard. IN MIDDLE AND RIGHT PHOTOS: Riverside patrons cool themselves on the Park's new Blizzard River. Among those who were brave enough to take this ride were Joann McGeoghan of Feeding Hills and Town Councilors Jill Simpson and George Bitzas (center photo). Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

It's Official...

Riverside & Dairy Queen Set New Guinness Record

History has been made at Riverside Park in Agawam, and a world-class ride and a world-class ice cream dessert created the excitement.

Riverside Park's new Blizzard River, a one-million-gallon white water rafting ride, opened to rave reviews. So did 5,316 pounds of ice cream. Dairy Queen joined in celebrating the new ride by building a record-setting, 22-foot-tall OREO Blizzard.

"We've got two of the biggest Blizzards ever to

hit New England and you don't even need a snowblower," comments Jerry Gretzinger, Riverside Park PR Manager. "These are the two things that make people the happiest! We've got an awesome new ride and the world's largest Dairy Queen Blizzard. You can't beat it."

The Guinness Book of World Records will now receive photos and official verification from the judges who were on-site. The official weight was 5,316.6 pounds and the height was a towering 22 feet.

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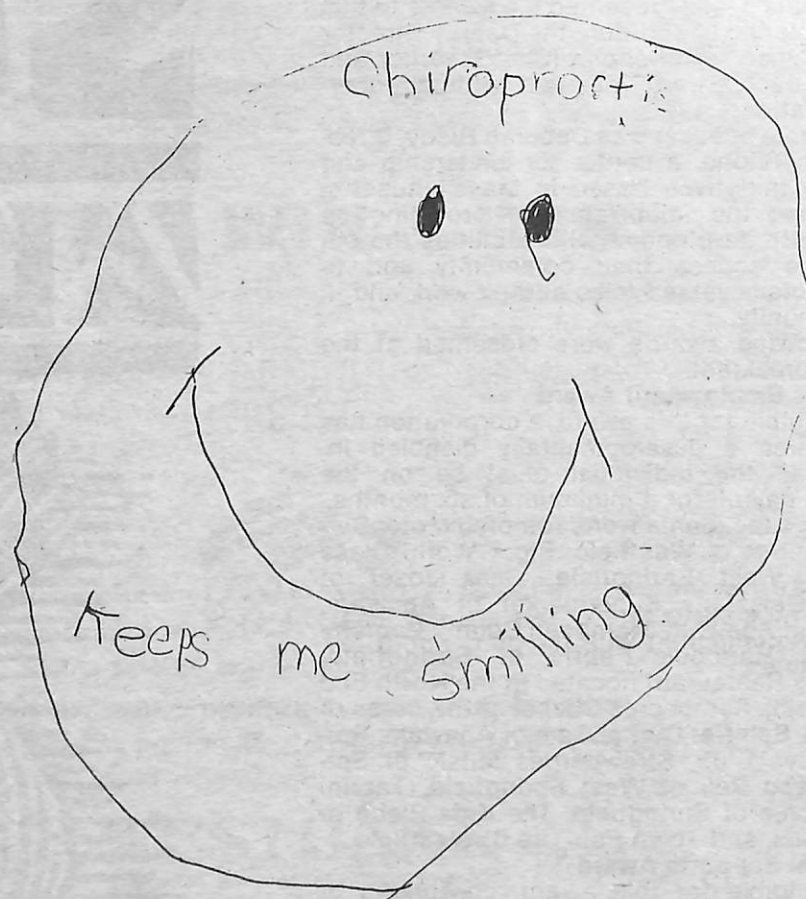
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IN LEFT PHOTO: Work Opportunity Center Executive Director Robert F.L. MacDonald (far left) and Deputy Director Mary Jenewin-Caplin of Governor Cellucci's Western Mass. Office (far right) with H.P. Hood representatives Heidi Fagan (Credit Analyst) and Donna Jerry (Customer Service Rep.). **IN RIGHT PHOTO:** MacDonald and Jenewin-Caplin with Ed Peloquin (center), Purchasing Manager for Schiffer Dental Care of Agawam.

Work Opportunity Center Holds Ninth Annual Employer Appreciation Breakfast

Work Opportunity Center, Inc., held its ninth Annual Employer Appreciation Breakfast on Wednesday, June 23rd, at the Oak Ridge Golf Club in Feeding Hills. The Center is located in Agawam and has been providing the developmentally disabled of the greater Springfield area with vocational training and community employment since 1969.

The mission of the Work Opportunity Center is to procure community employment for individuals. Executive Director Robert F.L. MacDonald said, "Individuals with developmental disabilities benefit tremendously from community employment. They become economically independent while simultaneously developing a new self-concept and positive community presence. The community integration experience helps the developmentally disabled individual to develop new, meaningful, and mutually beneficial personal relationships."

Representing Governor Cellucci was Mary Jenewin-Caplin, Deputy Director of the Governor's Western Massachusetts Office. Along with MacDonald, she presented the awards to this year's recipients. In addition, the Deputy Director delivered remarks on behalf of the Governor and presented each award recipient with a gubernatorial citation.

The keynote speaker was Deborah Riedy, director of Cornerstone, a center for leadership and community initiatives based in Massachusetts. She stressed the importance of providing individuals with developmental disabilities the opportunity to access their community and to assume socially valued roles at their work and in their community.

The following awards were presented at the June 23rd breakfast:

1. Quality Employment Award

To be eligible for this award, a corporation has to have hired a developmentally disabled individual and the individual must be on the employer's payroll for a minimum of six months.

This year's recipients were: Armored Motor Service of America of Westfield, Big Y World Class Market of West Springfield, Chez Josef of Agawam, Geissler's Supermarket of Agawam, H.P. Hood of Agawam, Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Hancock Fabric of Springfield, McDonald's Restaurant (located in the North End of Springfield), Sampson's Chapel of the Acres of Springfield, Schiffer Dental Care of Agawam, Springfield Boys Club, Strawberries Music of Springfield, Taco Bell of West Springfield, Tazzini Funeral Home of Springfield, The Kids Place of Feeding Hills, and Town Fair Tire of Westfield.

2. Natural Supports Award

To be eligible for this award, co-workers or supervisors of a developmentally disabled individual must assist the developmentally disabled individual maintain their employment and develop new and mutually beneficial friendships with their co-workers.

This year's awards were given in honor of all the employees at the following companies: Armored

Motor Services of America of Westfield, Governors America Corporation of Agawam, H.P. Hood of Agawam, and Valenti's Restaurant of Agawam.

3. Good Citizen Award

A special award was given to Darrel Bewsee of Armored Motor Services of America. Utilizing his EMT training skills, he prevented his co-worker from choking. He is the first recipient of this special and prestigious award.

4. Outstanding Achievement Award

To be eligible for this award, a developmentally disabled individual must be employed in the community for a minimum of two years.

This year's award winners were: Vincente Castro of Westfield, who is currently employed at the North End McDonald's Restaurant in Springfield, Stephen Pemberton of Westfield, who is

currently working at Town Fair Tire in Westfield, Cathy Rahilly of Agawam, who is currently working part-time at Geissler's Supermarket in Agawam and Taco Bell in West Springfield, and Donald Rankin of Agawam, who currently works at the Agawam Public Market in Agawam.

At the close of the breakfast, MacDonald said, "Corporations who employ individuals with developmental disabilities should be commended. These corporations will become role models for other companies in the future."

He continued, "They realize hiring individuals with developmental disabilities is a prudent business decision because they gain an employee who is appreciative of the opportunity to work and demonstrates a good work ethic."

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Timely Tips On How To Manage Your Finances

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Protecting Your Earning Power With Disability Insurance...

Most people agree that it makes sense to insure valuable possessions like their home and car. Yet many of these same people neglect insuring their most valuable asset — their ability to earn income.

When you're healthy and able to work, it's easy to assume your life won't be interrupted by disability. However, according to a 1984 study published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, one in three people between the ages of 35 and 65 will suffer a long-term disability (more than 90 days) during his or her working life.

But even if you suffer a long-term disability, your inability to work may not mean a fight for your economic life. Disability income protection is a way to keep you financially secure in case the unexpected happens.

Who needs disability insurance? Simply put, anyone who relies on a paycheck to meet monthly expenses needs disability insurance. If you're among the fortunate few who have saved enough to live comfortably in retirement, you can probably opt out of this coverage. But for growing families with heavy debt loads and little savings to fall back on, protection against loss of income is especially important.

Government program protection. Some workers think government disability insurance programs adequately cover them if they become disabled. While Social Security is one source of disability coverage, the rules are strict, and according to the Social Security Administration, more than one-half of first-time applicants are denied benefits. And what about workers' compensation? Unfortunately, you are covered only if your disability is a result of a work-related illness or injury.

Employer provided coverage. One of the most economical ways to obtain disability coverage is through group plans offered by some employers. Among working Americans with disability protection, most are covered through an employer's plan. Group coverage typically pays 60 to 70 percent of your current base income (does not cover bonuses, commissions, etc.) and waiting periods vary.

Other coverage options. If you aren't eligible for an employer-sponsored disability plan or wish to supplement your employer-provided coverage, you can purchase an individual policy. Although they typically cost more, most individual policies also offer more generous benefits than group policies. Benefits may include shorter waiting periods and the ability to maintain uninterrupted coverage if you change jobs.

Choosing individual protection. When shopping for disability insurance, consider these points to maximize your dollars:

Benefit period. Disability policies generally have two different benefit period options — one that covers disabilities of five years or less and one that provides lifetime benefits. The longer time period you select, the higher the cost of the premium.

Waiting period. You can reduce your policy cost by increasing the length of the waiting period before you begin collecting benefits.

Residual benefit. A residual benefit is a good way to protect yourself against partial disabilities. This inexpensive form of coverage provides you with the difference between your pre-disability income and post-disability income after you have experienced a disability.

Own-occupation coverage. While this is one of the most expensive forms of coverage, it protects you if you are unable to work in your present occupation. Otherwise, your insurer won't pay you unless you can't work at all.

Non-cancelable contract. This means the company must insure you as long as you make the premium payments. Your policy can't be canceled for any reason and your premiums can't be increased.

Protection planning is an important component of the financial planning process. As with any issue that affects your long-term financial security, it's best to consult a knowledgeable financial advisor before making your disability insurance coverage decision.

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Remodeling can make your home more valuable as well as more livable. Although the cash you spend on improvements seldom yields a

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To improve your chances of a good return, keep the value of your property within 15 to 20 percent of others in your neighborhood. Buyers who can afford more will shop in more expensive neighborhoods.

Style your remodeling for mass appeal. Buyers prefer neutral, mainstream design. Play it safe with colors and materials: avoid wild colors, bold patterns, and kitchen schemes built around out-of-date hues. Consider local preferences, too.

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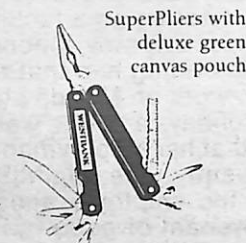
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Legal
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Worker Fired After Speaking
With Lawyer Sues Employer

An at-will employee who claimed that she was fired in retaliation for consulting a lawyer about her rights could bring a suit against her employer for wrongful discharge, a Superior Court Judge has ruled.

The employee argued that she had stated an actionable claim for violation of the public-policy exception to the employment-at-will doctrine. The Judge said, "Allowing employers to discharge employees simply because the latter consult with those whose knowledge is essential to an understanding of their rights and obligations would turn the act of seeking to learn one's rights into a switch that extinguished them all." The Judge denied the employer's motion for summary judgment.

The plaintiff was an at-will employee of the defendant. She was instructed to come to Company headquarters one afternoon to discuss certain issues. The plaintiff told her supervisor that she could not discuss the matter over the phone, as she was at a client's house. However, the supervisor apparently persisted in discussing work-related issues with the plaintiff, who proceeded to hang up the phone so she could return to her client. The plaintiff called her supervisor thereafter and agreed to an afternoon meeting.

At the time of the meeting, the employer was allegedly so unhappy with the plaintiff's performance and alleged insubordination that they decided to suspend her for one day. When the plaintiff arrived for the meeting, the supervisor informed her that she was expected to work weekends, that she would receive a written warning and would be suspended the following day. The supervisor also told the plaintiff that they should call the employer on the following Monday to set up another meeting prior to returning to work. The plaintiff refused to accept the written warning and walked out of the meeting, stating that she would return with her attorney.

Immediately after the meeting, the employer decided to fire the plaintiff based on her behavior at the meeting. The next day, the plaintiff's attorney faxed a letter to the employer stating that the plaintiff desired to work with the employer to resolve any issues and that he would attend the Monday meeting as a facilitator. In response, the employer's attorney phoned the plaintiff's attorney, informing him that the plaintiff should not return to work on Monday because she was fired.

On Monday, a letter was sent to the plaintiff stating that her employment had been terminated. Subsequently, the plaintiff filed a civil action against the employer alleging breach of an implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing and violation of the public-policy exception to the general rules of employment-at-will. The defendants moved for summary judgment.

The Court said, "The general rule is that an employer may terminate an at-will employee at any time for any reason, or no reason at all." However, the Judge noted that a "narrow exception" to this rule arises when the employee can show that he was fired in violation of a "clearly established public policy." Consequently, the court denied the defendant's motion to dismiss the plaintiff's action. It appears that an employee's right to "hire a lawyer" under these circumstances may be a protected right!

Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts. If you have a legal question, Attorney Ferrigno will attempt to address the same in this column. Please send any questions to the address listed above.

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that look good and wear well. If you plan to do the work yourself, honestly evaluate your ability to do it right. A poor do-it-yourself job costs money in the long run.

And finally, keep your remodeling compatible with the existing house. Additions and improvements that look "tacked on" may detract from the home's appeal. Choose materials and design elements that match or blend with what's already there.

For more home improvement tips, call Pam Savioli at (413) 748-7565.

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COMMON SENSE
with
Raymond Rose
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Goal Setting...

Goal setting and goal getting require a four-step process:

Be clear about what you want. Each and every person has a talent that he/she hasn't fully recognized yet. That's why it's important to brainstorm with yourself and others until your desires and strengths become clear.

Put your goals in writing, but be flexible. You can't have too many goals. I encourage people to write down at least 101 goals. Be sure to include at least 10 pie-in-the-sky, make-a-difference goals, such as feeding the hungry or educating the illiterate. These allow you to explore unique opportunities and capabilities that seem impossible. Writing many goals will help you focus on the ones that are most important to you. This exercise also creates more opportunities for achieving them.

Being specific about what you want also helps you focus on the minor goals that can help you achieve the major ones, such as earning more so that you can afford to buy a home.

Visualize. Select several goals at a time, and picture each one coming to fruition. To enhance the visualization process, go through magazines to find pictures that evoke what you are seeing. Use the pictures to envision yourself doing, feeling, and being with your goals. The best time to do this is right before you go to sleep at night. I also write down my major goals on my daily to-do list so that they are constantly in front of me. Also, make a list of people who can help you reach your goal. Identify at least one who can complement your strengths, cover the areas in which you're weak, and share goals with you.

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Get Into The "Swim" Of Things...

While working with patients who have spine-related problems, I am often asked about appropriate exercises that can be done to help their problem.

Take advantage of the summer season and do as much swimming as you possibly can. This form of exercise ranks as number one when it comes to overall conditioning.

A considerable portion of our lives is spent in the upright position during work and play. Gravity constantly pulls us toward the earth.

The force of gravity is powerful and takes its toll on all of us. Most of us know that we are actually taller in the morning than in the evening. That's because gravity compresses our skeletal systems and the discs of the spine throughout the day.

Have you ever seen someone who is permanently hunched or stooped over due to years of hard physical labor, lifting, and/or bending? The "wearing out" effect is more prevalent in the lower back, hips, knees, and feet. It is quite visible on x-ray.

So what can you do about the law of gravity? You'll never change the law of gravity so why not make use of another law. The power of a fluid to exert an upward force on a body placed in it is defined as buoyancy.

The stress and strain to the joints of the body during exercise in water are greatly reduced by this characteristic of water. It is no wonder that so many doctors of chiropractic recommend a water exercise program as part of a recovery process in patients with back problems.

What a wonderful, natural way to combat osteoporosis. Swim regularly! This applies to people of all ages. What? You can't swim? That's OK, use the shallow end of the pool and do your aerobic workout standing in waist-deep water. What a workout, and fun, too!

When you have a spinal problem, whether the neck, midback, or lowback is involved, it is wise to keep one thing in mind before you begin your water exercise program. Spine problems often become worse with exercise. Be sure your spinal column is structurally sound before starting. Have a doctor of chiropractic check your spine if you have problems.

If symptoms arise following exercise, a chiropractic examination is a must.

Once the spine is properly aligned, my advice is to find a place to swim and then do so on a regular basis. You can't beat this activity for overall muscle conditioning, especially those that surround and support your spine.

A spinal examination may be obtained by calling the SCHLAFFER CHIROPRACTIC OFFICE at 192 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam, 789-1369.



Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell
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Is The Man In Your Life Making You Sick? Most Men Aren't Following Proper Grilling Etiquette Outdoors

Let's face it. During the warm summer months, men are usually the ones flipping burger over the hot, smoky grill. Are men following the correct outdoor food safety guidelines? Chances are they're not.

In fact, in a recent survey conducted by The American Dietetic Association (ADA), and its Foundation and the ConAgra Foundation, revealed that the majority of men confess to improper outdoor food handling. Men are more likely than women to use the same plate and grilling utensils when handling raw and cooked meats without cleaning them between uses.

Mixing raw meat juices with ready-to-eat foods is one of the leading causes of food-related illnesses at home. Improper grilling habits could give everyone a bad case of foodborne illness — commonly called food poisoning.

So, the next time your man fires up the grill, give him some simple food safety tips that will keep bacteria from creeping into his famous outdoor creations.

GRILLING TIPS FOR "CLEAN" CUISINE

1. Wash hands with warm soapy water before/during food preparation.

Proper hand washing may eliminate nearly half of all cases of foodborne illness. Since bacteria can easily be transferred from the body to foods and surfaces, always wash your hands thoroughly, especially after switching tasks such as handling raw meats and then touching vegetables.

2. Wash plates between uses or use separate plates: one for holding raw meat, poultry, and seafood; another for cooked foods.

The juices from raw meats and poultry aren't always easy to contain. They tend to spill over and/or leak on foods and surfaces. Because these juices may carry harmful bacteria, using two separate plates will help prevent cross-contamination, a leading cause of foodborne illness.

3. Clean grilling utensils with hot soapy water.

After using knives, grilling tongs, or forks to touch raw meats and poultry, clean thoroughly with hot soapy water before handling cooked foods to prevent cross-contamination. Too much hassle to clean the dishes while you're cooking? Use two sets of utensils at the grill: one for raw meats and the other set for cooked foods.

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Fitness Tips...

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Overtraining...

Now that you are motivated, working hard, and focused, you need to watch out for signs of overtraining. Some of you may be laughing and know there is no chance of this; that's okay. But others may want to read on.

Overtraining results from intensive training for a competitive event, inadequate rest, or training too soon or too hard after an illness. There are lots of signs to look out for if you feel you may be at risk.

I retrieved this list from *Ideal Personal Trainer* (February '99 issue):

- Depression.
- Unusual soreness the next day.
- Loss of appetite.
- Weight loss.
- Anxiety.
- Problems sleeping.
- Increase in eight to 10 beats in resting heart rate.
- Swollen lymph nodes.
- Irregularity in bowel function.
- Upper respiratory infections.

Prevention is the key, but if you are already showing signs, rest and eat well. Practice some relaxation skills; remember, your body can't relax if your mind isn't relaxed.

Reduce intensity, duration, and/or frequency of training for about a week and come back slowly. Taking care of your body is your ultimate goal, so train smart. Overdoing can sometimes hurt almost as much as not doing it.

Those of you that know me, know I'm an animal lover. So, please keep this in mind when you are taking the dog out with you — they are working twice as hard with those short legs.

Be sure they work up slowly, also. We forget that they get deconditioned just like we do and need to start with shorter walks, slowly progressing up. Also, with this hot weather, keep in mind they have a fur coat on and need plenty of fresh cold water.

Watch for signs of overtraining in the little guy, too. If he's your partner, it's your job to train him smart, too.

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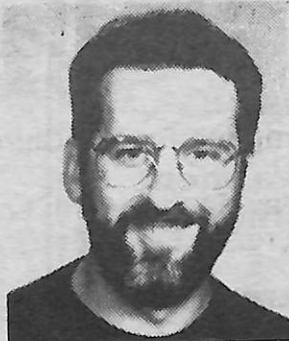
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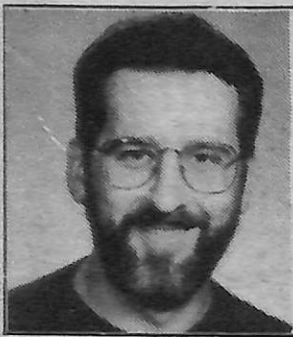


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Becoming More Than Our Function...

Recently, our conversation has focused on two interrelated themes: freedom from oppressive systems and becoming *more than* our function. I'd like to talk more about this idea of our relationship function and becoming more than.

One's *function* can be understood as a way of being that best serves another. Often this service is to the detriment of one's self. One's function can also be understood as one's *sense of identity* that is promoted by our family to help, in effect, maintain the family's level of functioning, so as to help this sense of identity to survive into the next generation.

The powerful part of this idea is that each family has their own unique "collective" identity and promotes it, primarily non-verbally, by way of set-

ting up the functioning roles for the family members. This presents an intrinsic conflict for each person in the family, namely; how can a person be **both** loyal to their family-influenced role and become *more than* their family-influenced role?

Another attempt at describing this conflict as I see it stems from the assumption that a person can actually be or become an "individual," while still maintaining the status quo family membership identity. Many people are unable to reconcile this dilemma and *either* cut-off from their family or become **fused** (over-invested) in living out their function (role) to the detriment of their "self." This is just another example of either/or living that keeps us stuck in our family system.

One popular way people describe family life today is by using the term **dysfunctional**. One way I understand people's meaning of this term is through my observations of a family's ability or inability to function or relate to one another and/or within society. *Dys-function* is relationship functioning not working well enough to provide some sense of *healthy-functioning*. Yet, for many, the *dys-function* is what they consider "normal." It is what they know!

Now back to the conflict I talked about earlier. If dysfunctional is "normal" for you and is how you would describe your growing-up family (birth family), then how are you to remain loyal to them, yet become *more than* the dysfunction? The problem most people encounter when considering

this idea of becoming *more than*, is the reality that if I become more than my role or function, then the family's way of staying the same will be jeopardized.

You may or may not share my sentiment, but I believe a person (especially a child) will often sacrifice their very "self," so as **not to change** the family system despite how dys-functional the family.

Becoming *more than* the dysfunction, living into the potential of your-self, is a life process that has a blend of both depression and courage. The power of the family system to use its influence to keep you from changing yourself and ultimately the way the family relates as a whole is significant. So much so the person that achieves a glimpse of living life as *more than* their family dysfunction can succumb to the family's influence and recreate and/or return to their former level of functioning.

It is extremely difficult to live life *connected* to your family system (and their dysfunction) and yet *separate* (free) to create your own unique identity. I value this conflict so much that I've dedicated my life to the pursuit of a **sense of self** that is *more than* my family of origin's version of how I should live my life.

If you, too, take this seriously, this call to live beyond the limitations of an oppressive system, then perhaps there is more for us to talk about... if so, please continue to **e-mail and write to me with your feedback, relationship questions, and topics and "Let's Talk About It."**

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Back Pain And Golf...

Over this past weekend, I attended a seminar titled "Back Pain & Golf - Cause, Prevention & Treatment." Some of the topics addressed included:

- Nutrition for improved golf performance.
- Stretching, flexibility and warm-up, muscle imbalances.
- Spinal biomechanics and deconditioning.
- Low back stabilization exercises.
- Power generation in the golf swing.

- Sensory motor training.
- Simple strengthening exercises for golf muscles.

A research study that was presented at the seminar concluded that, "The golf swing subjects the lower back to rapid, complex, and intense loading patterns; the low back must contend with significant lateral bending, shear, compression, and torsional forces.

"For example, the golf swing generates a peak compression load of more than eight times the body weight in both amateurs and professionals, whereas running and rowing only generate four and seven times body weight, respectively. It is not surprising that 62 percent of golfers will incur an injury directly related to the sport."

Other statistics showed low back pain in amateur golfers averaged 27 percent in women and 36 percent in men. Other injuries in the sport included elbow, hand, wrist, and shoulder pain. Some of the causes of golf injury are:

- Repetitive practice.
- Poor swing mechanics.
- Joint complex dysfunction (joints in body not functioning properly).

- Deconditioning of muscles.
- Increased club lengths.

One of the main points focused on at the seminar is to *decrease* torque in the golf swing. Increased torque *does not* increase power, but *does* increase risk for injury. Power is generated in elastic energy, prestretching the muscles responsible for the intended movement.

To maximize power and potential, golfers should:

- Strengthen weakened postural muscles.
- Stretch tight muscles
- Train the muscles for the swing with sensory motor input (the brain tells the body what to do).
- Receive chiropractic care for optimal motion of the spine.
- Consider nutritional supplements to enhance your diet.

If you are a golfer and are interested in improving your game, you may be interested in learning more. Dr. Nelson will be giving a slide show presentation to share more detailed information. If you are interested in attending, please call the office at 786-4820. Hampden County Chiropractic is located at 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

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4. Scrub the grill with hot soapy water before cooking.

Put a little extra elbow grease into cleaning the grill to kill any bacteria that may be lingering about.

5. Use a meat thermometer to check the done-ness of meats and poultry.

Relying on color alone to check the doneness of meat isn't the best technique. A meat thermometer is the only way to ensure food has been cooked to the proper temperature. Favorites like steak should be cooked to

at least 145°F, hamburgers should be cooked to at least 160°F, while chicken should be cooked to at least 170°F.

(Next time: "How Long Can You Keep Leftovers?")

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Arts



CELEBRATING THEIR "UNBIRTHDAY" in STAGE's production of "Return To Wonderland": the Cheshire Cat (Kelsey Lapenas of Southwick), the March Hare (Stephanie Marek of Broad Brook), Mary Anne (Kati Lewantowicz of Southampton), Dormouse (Jaime Pearsons of Suffield), Mad Hatter (Kellen O'Gara of Longmeadow), and White Rabbit (Brittany Michel of Feeding Hills).

Mystery Theatre To Be The Next Production At Red Door Theatre

No sooner has the curtain closed on STAGE's 10th anniversary production of "Return To Wonderland" than the popular, award-winning children's theatre company begins their next presentation, "The Snoop Troop Agency."

This original detective mystery, penned by co-producer Marcy Secora, is set in an old Victorian home which is about to be seized for back taxes. The town tries to save the home by holding an arts festival to raise the tax money. But, somebody keeps sabotaging the preparations. Six young members of a club they call the Snoop Troop Agency set out to solve the caper.

Forty-three young people from various towns in Connecticut and Massachusetts (and even one from Texas) are participating in the two-week drama camp that will culminate in four public performances scheduled for July 23rd and 24th at 7:30 p.m., and July 24th and 25th at 2:00 p.m. at the Red Door Theatre, 152 S. Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA.

They participate in various "detective" activities such as fingerprinting, interviewing "suspects," and solving mystery puzzles, as well as building the set, constructing costumes, and rehearsing their roles for the production.

Tickets for the show are \$5, and all seats are reserved. Get your tickets early, as most productions sell out.

Reservations for this children's theatre production may be made by calling (413) 789-2026.

Winner Of Playwriting Award...

Agawam Resident Part Of Shakespearean Production In Amherst

Frederick Carrigg, a long-time Agawam resident, was recently named the recipient of a playwriting award in a contest sponsored by the Hampshire Shakespeare Company.

The company needed a final scene for an anonymous Elizabethan play, *Thomas of Woodstock*, which was scheduled to open in Amherst on Thursday, July 15th. The director presented a cash award to Carrigg on opening night.

Until recently, Carrigg was the porter at the Stop & Shop Supermarket in Feeding Hills. He has a background in video production, and was previously employed at Bridgeport National Bindery and the Agawam Public Library.

He attended his first Broadway show (*The Music Man*) at the age of eight, and his first Shakespearean production (*Julius Caesar* in Stratford, Ct) at 14.

Carrigg has been a subscriber to the Hartford State Company, StageWest, and Shakespeare & Company, and in 1988 he studied playwriting with Robert Lehan at Westfield State College.

His first play, *Sweet Young Things*, is a translation and adaptation of a 1659 play by Moliere into a modern teen comedy. He has been a musician and lyricist for many years, most recently in collaboration with guitarist Jeff Tisdell, who also grew up in Agawam.

Carrigg is a member of The Dramatists Guild, Inc.

Thomas of Woodstock concerns the political events in England in 1397 which led to the Wars of the Roses, and is a prequel to Shakespeare's *Richard II*. The production includes battle scenes, music and dancing, ghosts, a live horse, and outrageous comedy and costumes.

The play will be performed by the Hampshire Shakespeare Company at the Lord Jeffrey Inn in Amherst and at Look Park in Northampton. For further information, call (413) 548-8118.

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What do over a thousand young people five to 21 years-old, from over two dozen towns in four states, have in common?

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STAGE co-producers Lyle Pearsons and Margie Secora recently held a 10th anniversary reunion at their Red Door Theatre home to which 125 of their young actor friends came to renew old friendships and relive wonderful, often humorous stage experiences.

STAGE has been producing theatre camps for young people since 1989 when it began a modest two-play summer run in Suffield, Connecticut. From there, it has expanded to a 10-play season at their intimate, 120-seat theatre at 152 S. Westfield St. in Feeding Hills on the hill beside the Valley Community Church.

The reunion consisted of games, food, a talent show, a scavenger hunt for old show props and costumes, and an award ceremony at which Pearsons announced that STAGE had won "Best Children's Theatre" by the *Springfield Advocate* Readers' Poll and that The Red Door Theatre won runner-up "Best Place to See Live Theatre."

Many parents of the young stage actors were also in attendance having contributed to STAGE's success through their volunteer efforts and long-time support of their children's work.

Marcy Secora presented her mother and Pearsons with flowers and a book of memories from all those who have enjoyed the many drama camps the two former teachers have conducted.

Pearsons' parents were presented an award for their constant presence and assistance with costume and set construction over the past 10 years.

Sue and Dale Pearsons were given a Broadway show trip in appreciation for their devotion to STAGE.

STAGE directors also recognized former counselors Marcy Secora, Kara Lewantowicz, Scott Belisle, and Aaron Pearsons as well as present counselors Megan Banks, Nick Duquette, and newcomer Tim Eberle.

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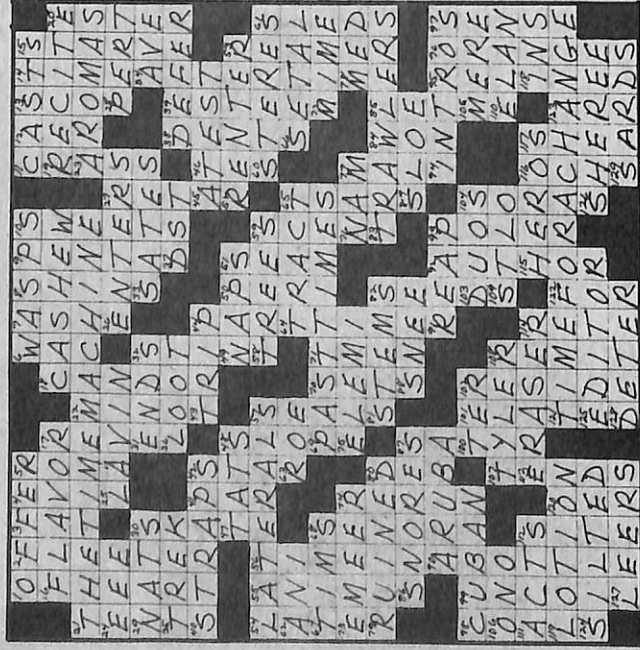
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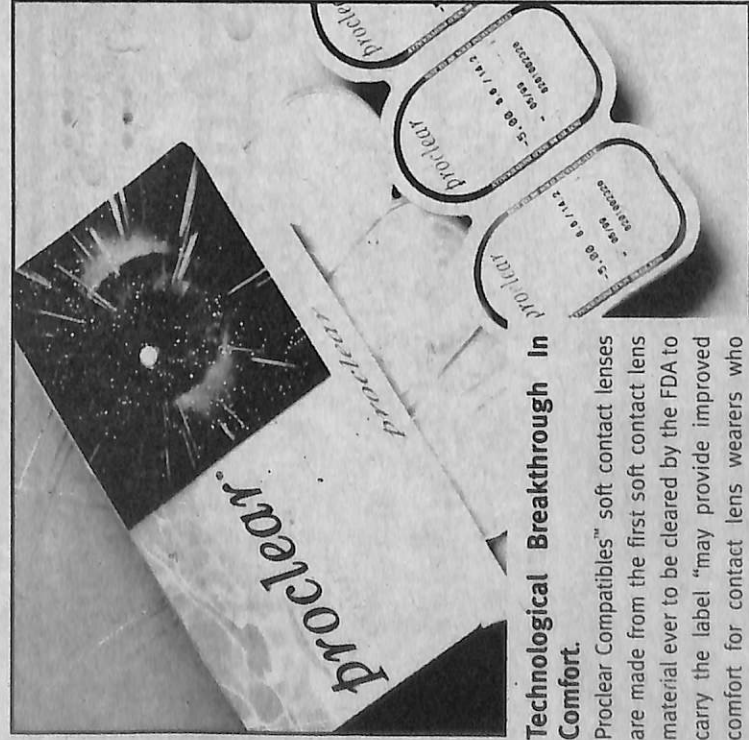
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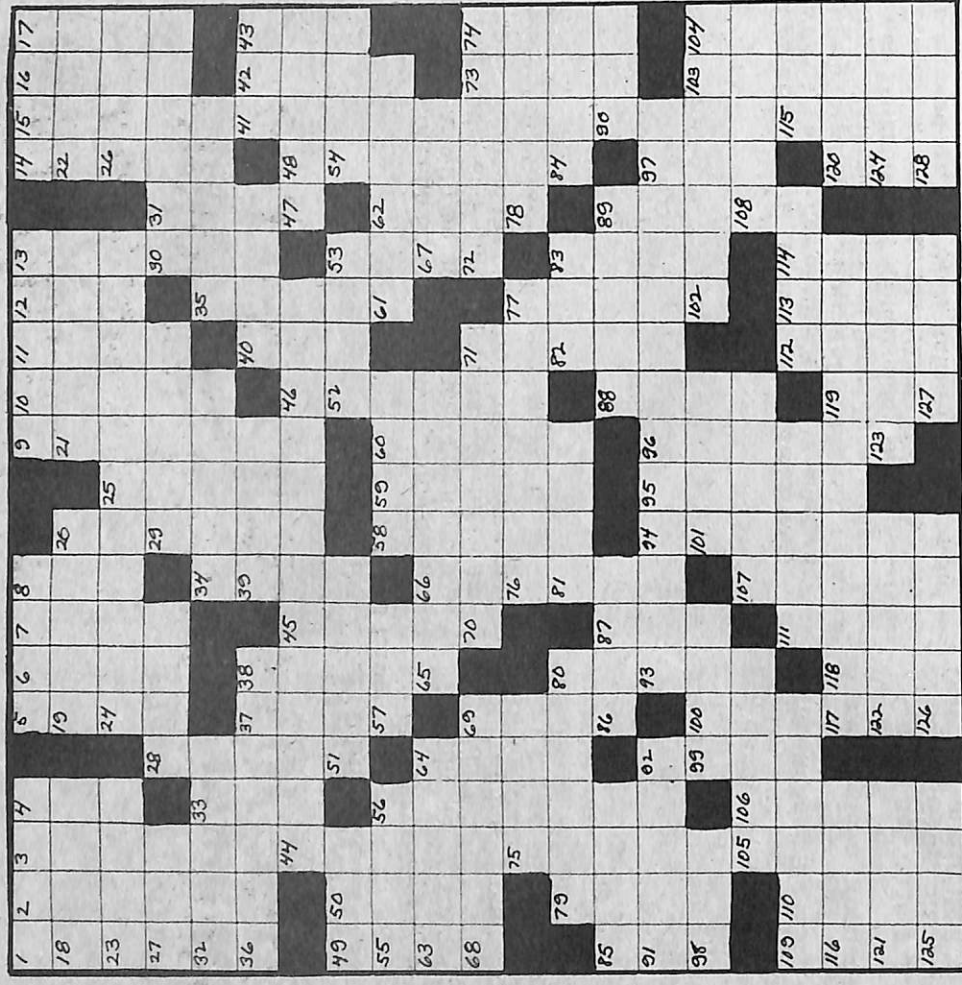
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Education

On Monday, June 21st...

Junior High's Awards Assembly Honors Seventh- & Eighth-Graders

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

The Junior High School faculty recently closed out the year with an awards assembly honoring the seventh- and eighth-graders for their accomplishments in the classroom and for their participation in extracurricular activities.

In welcoming the students to the awards ceremony, Principal Kevin Littlefield said the students would see a great many of their classmates called to the stage as awards were given in recognition of excellence in academics, physical education, and a broad range of student activities.

"The staff tries to show recognition in every way possible for various accomplishments throughout the year," Littlefield said. "This has been a very good year for all of us."

Sixteen students were called to the stage to receive certificates honoring their achievement in attaining honor roll status for four terms in the eighth grade, and 46 students were honored for making the honor roll for all eight terms of their Junior High School careers.

Before distributing the certificates to the eighth grade honor roll students, Guidance Counselor Frank Meagher said, "This is a tremendous achievement indicating their dedication to all of their subjects. As the awards ceremony progresses, you will see many of these students called up to accept other awards, showing how these students have dedicated themselves to their extracurricular activities and all their subjects."

Several students will have their names inscribed on plaques permanently displayed in the school lobby as this year's recipients of the Principal's Award and four memorial awards from the science, social studies, English, and art departments.

Science Curriculum Coordinator Robert Sartwell presented the Christopher Kinsella Memorial Science Award to **Jenine Davignon** for showing enthusiasm, motivation, and perseverance in her science courses throughout her two years at the Junior High and for going beyond all expectations when given assignments or projects.

"This award is given to a student who best exhibits the hard work and dedication exemplified by Mr. Kinsella when he was a teacher here," Sartwell said. "There will be plaque with Jenine's name engraved on it in the lobby for people to see as long as this school exists, and she is receiving a certificate from the Science Department and a certificate from the Massachusetts Association of Science Teachers recognizing her as one of the best science students in the state."

Art teacher Andrew Kraus presented the Karen Buffington-DelPeschio Memorial Art Award to **Nathan Krach**, and English teacher Rose Marie Light awarded the English Department Award to **Kevin Fleming** for exhibiting a love of reading, writing, and speaking. The Jeanne Stein Book Award went to **Meghan Kelly**.

Social studies teacher Gerald O'Malley presented the Richard Barry Memorial Award to **Megan Mercadante**. O'Malley remembered his colleague (who passed away in 1988 after spending most of his life teaching at the Middle School and at the Junior High) as an outstanding teacher who loved kids, enjoyed teaching, and had a great sense of humor.

The Winner Of The Principal's Award...

Taking home the school's top honor, Principal's Award winner **Tara Witte** is a member of the Junior National Honor Society, the Non-Users Club, a library aide, co-editor of the yearbook, and a cast member of the Drama Club's performances in the seventh and eighth grades.

Littlefield said he has literally no input into choosing the student who wins the Principal's Award. Rather, it is the faculty who decides, usually in a number of ballots, who will be honored as the most outstanding student during their two years at the Junior High.

In addition to maintaining excellent grades and being involved in school activities, Tara is active in community service projects and takes dancing and modeling classes. Tara has taken part in walk-a-thons for the March of Dimes and Breast Cancer Awareness and participated in dinner shows for Juvenile Arthritis and the United Cerebral Palsy Association.

Active in the national salute to hospitalized veterans, Tara has been an honorary member of the Veterans' Hospital in Leeds for the last seven years and has also done charity work for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, the Friendly Corporation, and Shriners Hospital.

Tara said she first became involved in community service projects through her participation in dance classes, pageants, and fashion show benefits. Asked what she most enjoyed about her charity work, Tara said, "The fact that it's helping people. I like helping in general."

A 12-year dance student, Tara has studied ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical, acro, and pointe, and is a division titleholder of many dance competitions. Her modeling career includes print work for Steiger's, Yankee Candle, and the national dancewear catalog "Design Works." Tara has taken home the title of "Miss Agawam Overall" three times and has participated in several fashion shows.

Tara enjoys babysitting, reading, shopping, collecting dolls, and writing to pen pals in other countries.

The following are the names of other students who were honored at the Junior High's June 21st awards assemblies:

ART DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Grade 8 - "Excellence In Art": **Kelly Burgess** and **Michael Lalli**.

Grade 7 - "Excellence In Art": **Katherine O'Connell** and **Pavlina Moysis**.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AWARDS

"Physical Fitness":

grade 8 - **Andrea Babbitt** and **Bruce LeClair**;
grade 7 - **Katie Malloy** and **James Messier**.

"Physical Education Student Of The Year":

grade 8 - **Aimee Beaudette** and **Dave Bienia**;
grade 7 - **Meghan Kelly** and **Casey Federico**.

WRITERS CLUB RECOGNITION AWARDS

The following students received certificates of recognition



AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL Principal Kevin Littlefield with Tara Witte, this year's "Principal's Award" winner. Advertiser

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and a copy of the student writing journal for their contributions to the journal: **Nathan Krach, Cori Nooney, Kevin Fleming, Megan Smith, Joel Howe, Elizabeth Haire, Brien Bonneville, Michelle Figella, Mario Maloni, Nick Lyman, Pavlina Moysis, Michael Locke, Tommy Cortese, Brenton Reveruzzi, Michael Ferrigno, Patrick Walsh, Sabrina Brizzolari, Robert Ventulett II, Amy Majewski, Jillian Perry, Megan Mercadante, Erica Gregoire, Michael Lalli, Emily Lapins, Felicia Tran, Kristen Strole, Nicole Gendreau, Laura Kennedy, Michael DeFilippi, Kristen Bushey, Nicholas Gumlaw, Kate Bergeron, Amanda Stork, Kevin Grimaldi, Daniel Drenniak, Angeline Simone, Jordan Welner, and Alex Alvanos.**

PEER MEDIATOR AWARDS

Grade 8 - **Brittany Theriaque, Lindsay Carey, Johanna Masotti, Jodie Pfau, Ashley Robidoux, Erica Gregoire, Jenn Sharpe, Matt Shea, Frank Bond, and Kristina Heim.**

Grade 7 - **Kassie Santinello, Whitney Greene, Sara Dorans, Tom Gorman, Elizabeth Mundo, Brittany Taylor, Alicia Linder, David Duplessis, and Stephanie Aversa.**

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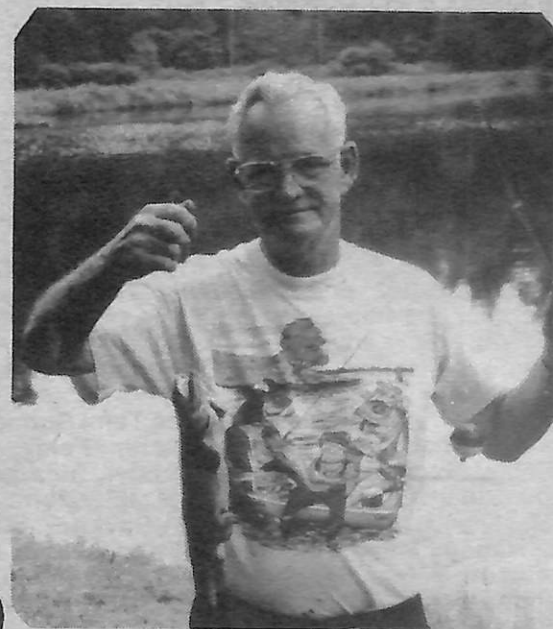
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Grade 8 - Tara Witte (co-editor), Emily Lapins (co-editor), Ashley Marek, Amanda Stork, Heather Cox, Kerri Merriam, Michael Lalli, Kevin Fleming, Chris Martin, Jessica Ferreira, Alfonso Santaniello, Jodie Pfau, Courtney Poirier, Jodi Pavlin, Megan Mercadante, Kelly Doyle, Christina Knodler, Becky Carey, Alexis Chretien, Raya Mutti, Nick Gessay, and Jamie Liard.

Grade 7 - Alissa Tully (junior editor), Jessica Tully, Chris Nyman, Kyle Henry, Amanda Hamel, Kelly Borkosky, Angela Stork, Amy Proulx, and Erinn Gormley.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION AWARDS

"Future City Competition": grade 8 - Stephane Cloutier, William Cochran, and Michael DeFilippi.

"Junior Solar Sprints": grade 8 - Suzanne Dudley, Amanda Rozanski, and Jason St. George.

MUSIC AWARDS (Awards For "Small Chorus")
Grade 7 - Erin Richardson, Liz Mundo, Thomas Gorman, Caitlin Bergeron, Sarah Landry, Emily Sussman, Danyel Morace, Bethany Schivley, Sarah Dorans, Sheena Beattie, Mallori Grimaldi, Chris Nyman, Danielle Pisano, Holly Stano, and Kristie Russo.

Grade 8 - Scott Peabody, Dan Adamski, Kevin Baptiste, and Chris King.

"Outstanding Service" - Matthew Reed, Elizabeth Harnois, and Kyle Henry.

"Outstanding Musician" - Robert Ventulett.

ACCELERATED READER CERTIFICATES

Grade 8 - Kevin Baptiste, Kelly Burgess, Kevin Fleming, Justin Lepard, Daveen Macsata, Megan Mercadante, Kerri Merriam, Daniel Sullivan, Benjamin Sunny, Victoria Taylor, Brittany Theriaque, and Laura Zerra.

Top three point-earners in grade 8 - Suzanne Dudley (210.2 points), Jenine Davignon (220.2 points), and Patrick Walsh (225.1 points).

Top point-earner in both grade 7 and grade 8 (two-year total): Jenine Davignon (346.2 total points).

Grade 7 - Katherine Bousquet, Tami Burmeister, Neil Donah, Sara Dorans, Caitlin Foley, Kevin Foley, Meghan Kelly, Sarah Landry, Dina Lukina, Matthew Lyman, Joseph MacFaden, Marc Maloney, Michael Milotte, Pavlina Moysis, Elizabeth Mundo, Jeffrey Neilsen, Jillian Perry, Allison Peters, Matthew Reed, Cote Rice, Erin Richardson, Adam Roy, Anthony Rueli, Kristie Russo, Megan Smith, Kristen Sopet, Kyle Sullivan, Eva Udobina, Victoria Urrea, and Ian Ursprung.

Top two point-earners in grade 7 - Felicia Tran (169.4 points) and Michelle Figella (131.6 points).

MATHEMATICS AWARDS

Grade 8 - Heather Cox and David Rosenberg.

SOCIAL STUDIES AWARDS

National Geography Bee Winner - Matt Rivard.

Area Students Attain Dean's List At UMass Amherst

Dean of Students Jo-Anne Vanin has announced the names of students who qualified for the Dean's List for the 1999 spring semester at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

In order to qualify, an undergraduate student must receive a 3.5 grade point average or better on a four-point scale.

"Providing opportunities for academic growth and achievement is one of the University's highest priorities; I am pleased to recognize those students who earned Dean's List honors," said University Chancellor David K. Scott. "Such outstanding performance is a source of pride and credit to the entire University community."

The following local students were named to the University of Massachusetts Amherst Dean's List for the 1999 spring semester:

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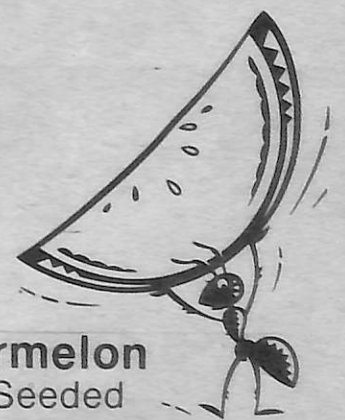
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Among those receiving scholarships was Jonathan Couture, son of Jerry and Christine Couture of Feeding Hills, who attends Boston University.

To be eligible for the \$500 HBA-WM Member Scholarship Program, the applicant must be affiliated with a member or the employee of a member company. The association also awards area trade and vocational high school students \$500 cash scholarships or tool acquisition awards to further their careers in the building industry.

The association issues a request to each of the 10 schools in their service area of Hampden, Hampshire, and Franklin counties to recommend an exemplary student to receive one of these awards. Since the inception of these programs, the association has awarded \$162,000 to deserving students.

Elizabeth F. Christian Graduates From The Loomis Chaffee School

At the 83rd Commencement ceremony at The Loomis Chaffee School on June 4th, Head of School Russell H. Weigel presented 206 diplomas to the graduates.

Among the 1999 graduates was Elizabeth Faith Christian, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Christian of Agawam. At Loomis Chaffee, she competed in varsity swimming and diving. She will attend Bates College.

Chartered in 1874 as The Loomis Institute, The Loomis Chaffee School is an independent, coeducational college-preparatory, boarding and day school with an enrollment of approximately 725 students and a faculty of 136.

The 300-acre campus is located in a rural setting in the historic town of Windsor, Connecticut, six miles north of Hartford.

New Immunization Rules For Students

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health has issued new immunization regulations for all students entering grade seven in September of 1999.

NO STUDENT WILL BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN IN SCHOOL ON THE FIRST DAY WITHOUT WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION OF THE FOLLOWING IMMUNIZATIONS ON THEIR HEALTH RECORD:

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AT THE BANQUET HONORING Eagle Scout Brian LaBorde (left), Ken Connor (Scouting's District Executive) spoke to the audience about Brian's accomplishments.

Brian LaBorde Of Troop 78 Awarded Eagle Scout Rank

On June 4, 1999, a banquet was held at the Springfield Turnverein in Agawam to honor Brian LaBorde, who attained the rank of Eagle Scout.

Becoming an Eagle Scout takes several years of hard work and dedication. A scout must learn various survival skills, hold several leadership posts, and help with service projects as he is advancing through the ranks. He must also earn 21 merit badges and successfully lead his troop in a service project of his own design, which is approved by the scout council and benefit the community.

Brian's Eagle project was placing a flagpole and monument in the Old Feeding Hills Veterans Cemetery. When you pass by the cemetery on South Westfield Street, you will see the flag of our nation waving in the breeze and honor our veterans due to Brian's effort and leadership.

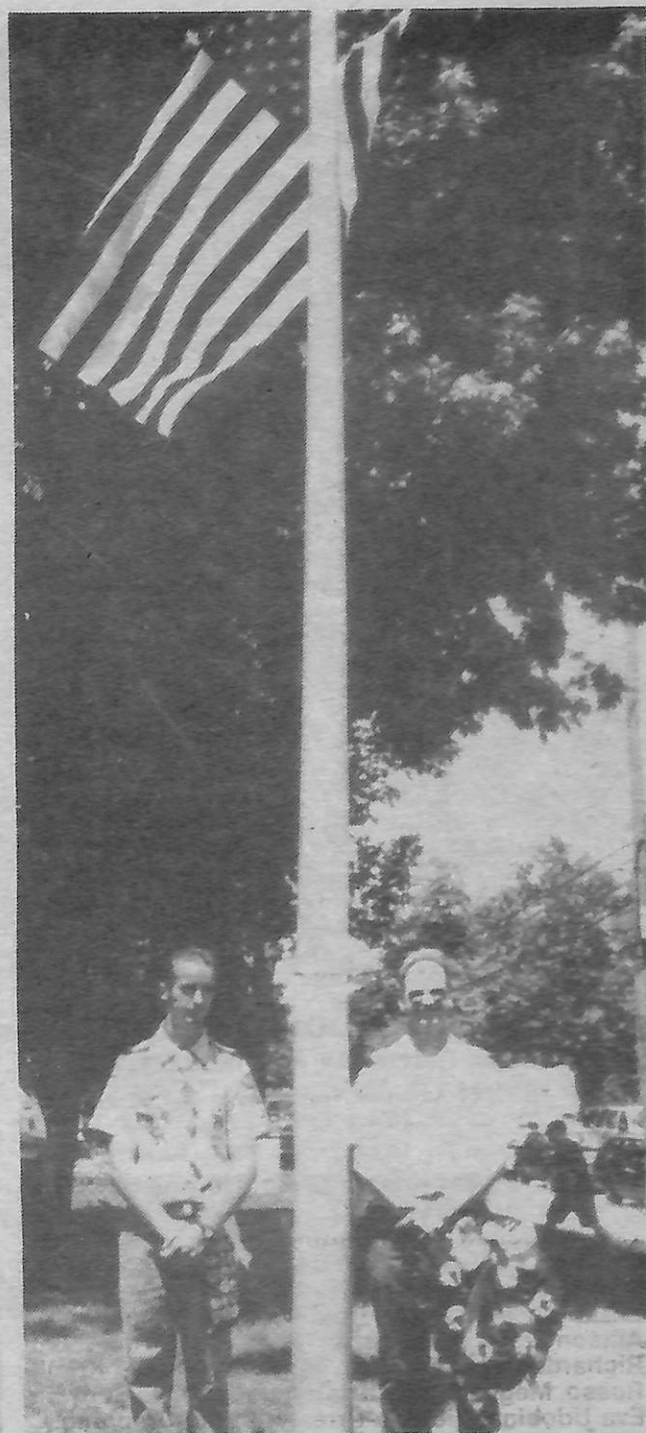
Brian has been with Troop 78 for six years. He is a student at Agawam High School.

Steven J. Bertolino Named A College Scholar At Middlebury

Steven J. Bertolino, son of Mr. & Mrs. Charles J. Bertolino of Agawam, has been named a College Scholar for academic excellence during the 1999 spring term at Middlebury College.

A College Scholar represents the highest level of academic achievement at the liberal arts institution in Middlebury, Vermont.

To be selected as a College Scholar, students must carry a full course load of four classes during the semester, achieve a grade point average of 3.6 or higher, and earn no grade lower than a "B minus."



BRIAN LABORDE with his father, Ray, at the flagpole in the Old Feeding Hills Veterans Cemetery.

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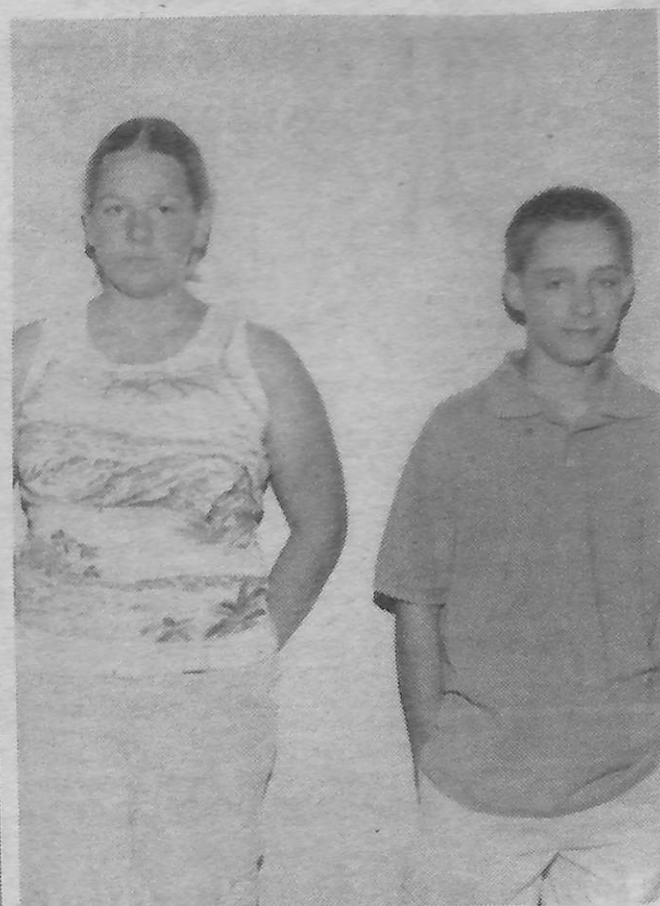
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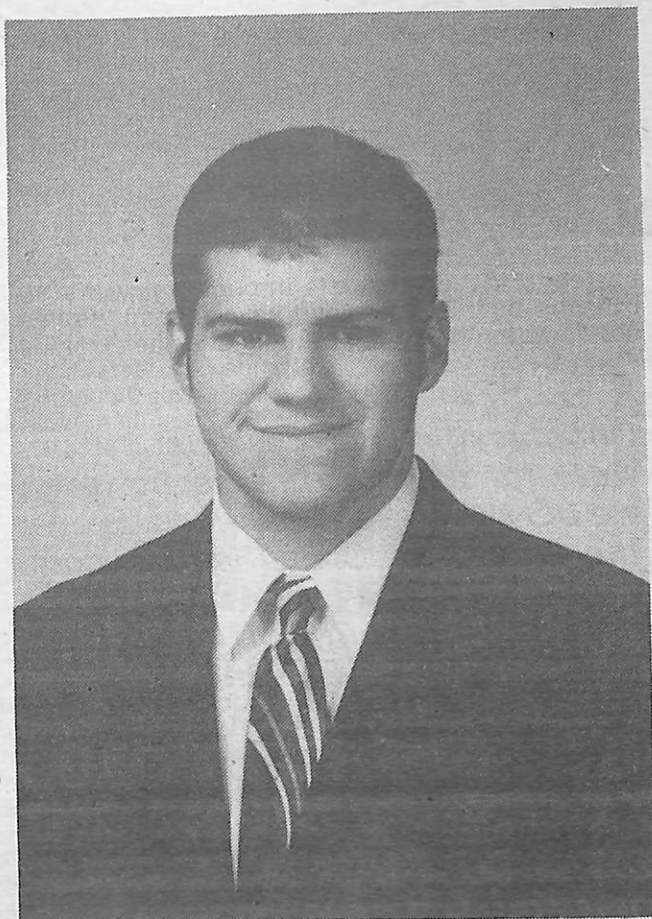


THE BAMBI SCHOOL, located at 22 Vernon Street in Agawam, held its 32nd Annual Graduation Ceremony on Thursday, July 1st. The class of 1999 looks bright and curious for their future! Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Noted Art Students



KRISTEN SOPET AND ADAM ROY were named the seventh-grade "Art Students of the Month" for May at Agawam Junior High School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



RYAN D. HENDERSON

Ryan D. Henderson Graduated With Honors From RPI

Ryan D. Henderson of Feeding Hills has recently graduated with honors from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York, with a degree in Civil Engineering.

He is a member of the Chi Epsilon Civil Engineering Honor Society, the Phi Kappa Theta Fraternity, and the college rugby team.

He is employed at Langan Engineering in New Haven, Connecticut, and will reside in North Haven.

Henderson is a 1995 graduate of Agawam High School. He is the son of Wayne and Inge Henderson of Feeding Hills, and the grandson of Mr. & Mrs. Walter Klupp of Agawam and Mr. & Mrs. Harold Henderson of Springfield.

His brother, Jeff, is a medical student at the University of Health Sciences in Missouri.

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Summer Hours For Perry Lane Pool

The Perry Lane pool is now open from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. This weekday schedule will be in effect until Friday, August 27th.

The pool will also be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. now through August 29th.

Daily pool passes are available at the pool. The

passes are \$1 for adults and children age six and older and 50 cents per person for children age five and younger.

People are reminded that floatation devices are not allowed in the pool and children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

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Learning Bike Safety At The "Rodeo"...



AREA CHILDREN enjoyed themselves while learning some valuable tips during the Bike Safety Rodeo, which was sponsored by the Agawam Police Department and the Agawam Kiwanis Club on Saturday, June 12th, in the Agawam Junior High School parking lot. IN LEFT PHOTO: Youngsters Mary and Kate Malone with Officer Rick Niles, Officer John Moccio, and Officer Karen Langevin. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Richard Riccio, Gina Fusick, Ed Walsh, John Kunasek, Charlie Schroth, and Kay Buoniconti. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Congratulations!



TORY LYONS, a student at Agawam Junior High School, was the recent winner of a \$50 savings bond. Congratulations, Tory! Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Revolutionary Show!



DRESSED IN A MILITARY UNIFORM from the American Revolution era, Mark Nichipor recently presented a program about our nation's colonial years to students at Clark Elementary School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Agawam's Chapter Of AFS Seeks Families For Exchange Students

The Agawam Chapter of American Intercultural Programs (AFS) is currently seeking families to host exchange students who will be seniors at Agawam High School during the 1999-2000 school year.

The students arrive in mid-August and hail from countries from all over the world. Currently, there are five AFS students at AHS representing the countries of the Czech Republic, Brazil, Belgium, Germany, and Chile for the 1998-1999 school year.

AFS is the largest student exchange program in the USA. Agawam AFS is celebrating its 25th anniversary in 1999. The AFS Community Chapter includes 15 active board members and a faculty advisor at AHS, Mary Ellen Bruce, a member of the foreign language department at the school.

Many families in Agawam have successfully

hosted exchange students through Agawam AFS over the past 25 years and have formed lifetime bonds with their "new family member." Many former Agawam AFS exchange students have returned to our community to visit over the years, and many of our Agawam host families have traveled abroad to visit their former host student in their respective country.

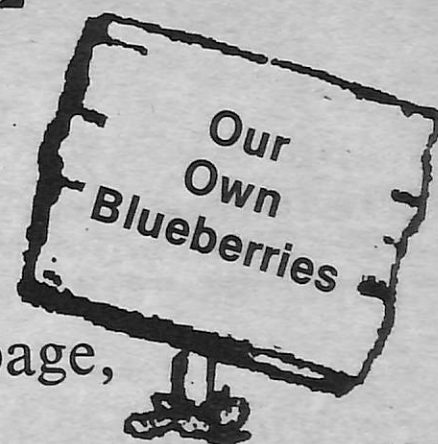
If you are interested in hosting an exchange student through AFS, or are interested in more information about AFS, call Family Selection Committee co-chairpersons Debbie & Craig Struck at 786-6760, faculty advisor Mary Ellen Bruce at Agawam High School, 821-0530 (weekdays), or chapter president Ric Sardella at 786-7747 (days) or 789-2005 (nights).

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Jr. High Students Enjoy End-Of-Year School Dance



STANDING: Katie Maynard, Sherri Laskowski, and Missy Harrington. **SEATED:** Kaithin Sardella (left) and Ashley Boyle (right).
Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ON FRIDAY, JUNE 11TH, eighth-grade students at Agawam Junior High School celebrated the end of the school year with their annual dance. Among those in attendance were Ryan Trexler, Anthony Stellatos, Michael DeFilippi, Scottie Weller, and Jordi Garcia. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

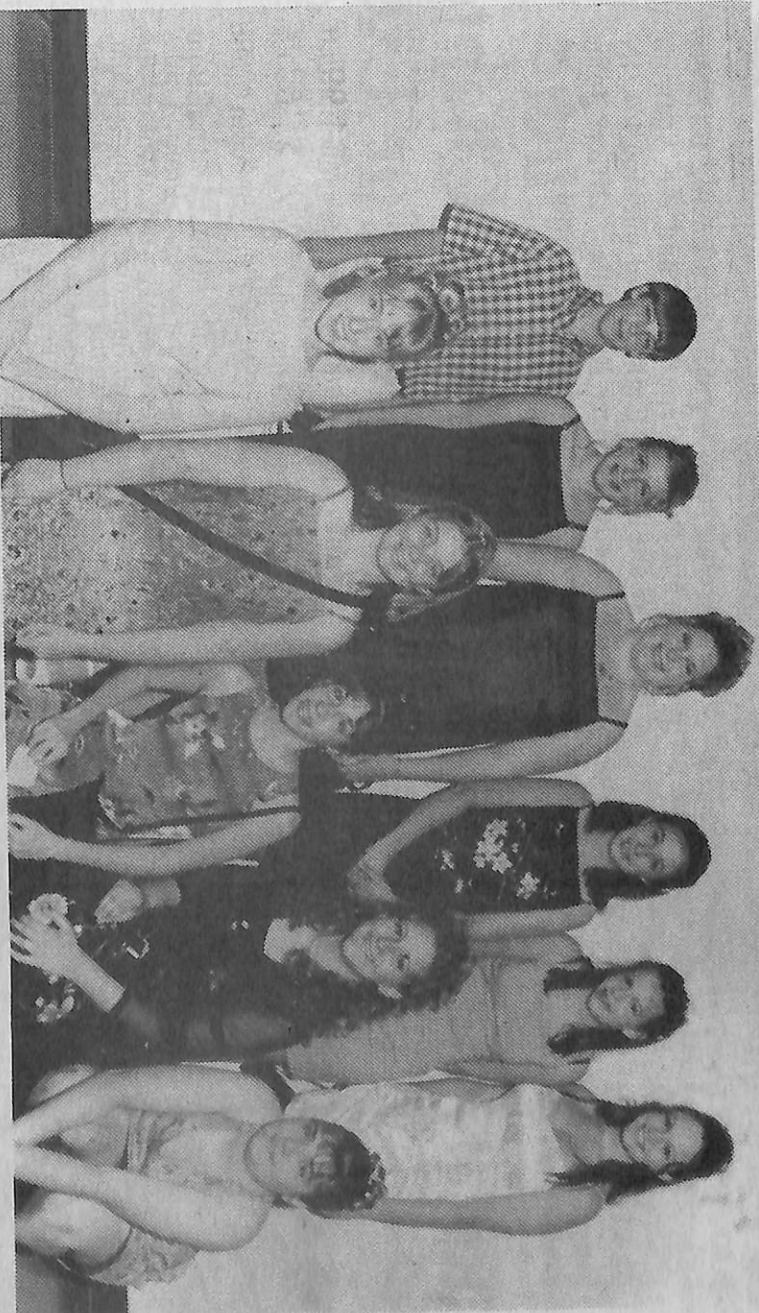


FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Jodi Paulin, Ryan Lottermoser, Vinnie Martucci, and Salema Sekal. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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BACK ROW: Kevin Athas, Ashley Marek, Brittany Theriaque, Laura Boyat, Laura Zerra, and Sarah Garvey. **FRONT ROW:** Heather Cox, Kerri Merriam, Ashley Blanchard, Johanna Masotti, and Sabrina Tarascio. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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IN TOP PHOTO: Chris Holl and Gary Dionne were definitely "dressed to party" at Agawam Junior High School's end-of-the-year dance. IN PHOTO BELOW: Lindsay Carey and Dan Hanson are taking a breather from the dance floor. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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New Executive Director...

Donald F. Anderson Joins The Kids' Place

Former BankBoston vice president and current Feeding Hills resident Donald F. Anderson has joined The Kids' Place Inc. as executive director.

Anderson will be responsible for day-to-day operations for eight Kids' Place child care locations throughout the region. The Kids' Place Inc. was started in 1982 by the husband and wife team of Scott and Kate Petersen and today serves over 1,000 families and employs 190 people.

Anderson worked at BankBoston in a number of capacities, including small business, corporate, and branch banking.

He is a board member of the Agawam Chamber of Commerce, the Springfield Chamber of Commerce, the Agawam Rotary, and serves as treasurer for Child and Family Services of Springfield.

He also serves on the advisory board for Springfield Technical Community College's Enterprise Center and has been an instructor at the STCC's Entrepreneurial Institute.

"I look forward to working with the Petersens in continuing to provide the quality child care so essential for local families, as well as exploring opportunities to further grow and expand the business," Anderson said.

The Kids' Place has previously been recognized by the Springfield Chamber of Commerce as one of the 50 fastest-growing companies in Greater Springfield and has locations in East Longmeadow, Feeding Hills, Holyoke, Springfield, Westfield, West Springfield, Wilbraham, and Bloomfield, Connecticut.

The Kids' Place provides child care and programs for infants (aged 1 to 14 months); toddlers (15 months to 2.9 year-old); pre-schoolers (2.9 to five years-old); and kindergartens (five and six years-old).

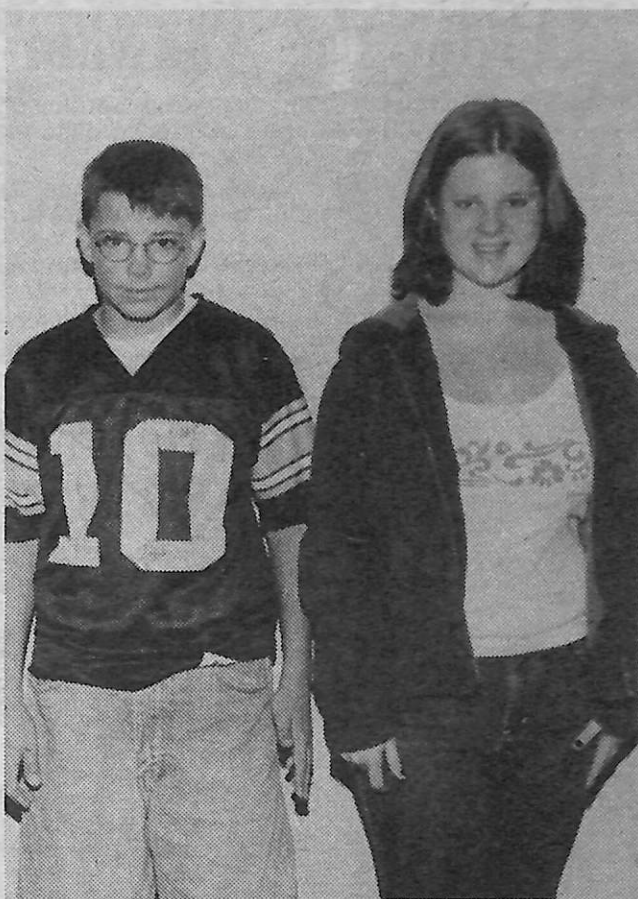
The Kids' Place, educational day care facilities providing certified teachers, is also a member of the National Association for the Education of the Young Child (NAEYC) and all locations are licensed by the Office of Child Care Services.

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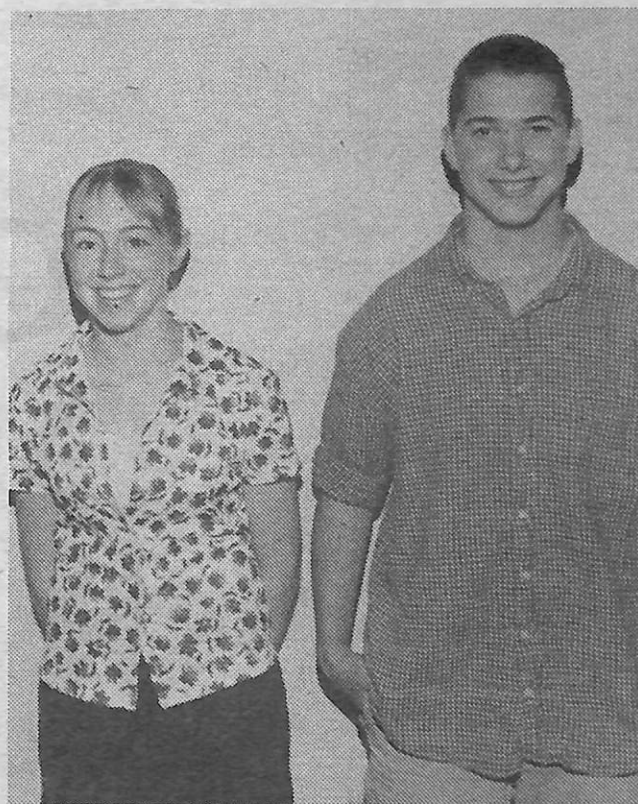
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Phys. Ed. Students...



SEVENTH-GRADERS Eric Porth and Tricia Sheehan were recently named "Physical Education Students of the Month" for May at Agawam Junior High School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE EIGHTH-GRADE "Physical Education Students of the Month" for May were Heather Cox and Dan Renna.

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Book Fair Kids...



LAUREN CHARTIER, JESSICA LIQUORI, AND LYNANN CLEMENT passed out booklets at the Book Fair that was held this past spring at Clark Elementary School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Planning Mtg. For Swk. High Reunions (Classes 1966-1975)

Southwick: On Tuesday, July 27th, a planning meeting will be held for a Southwick High School Multi-Class Reunion for classes 1966-1975. The reunion is being planned for the year 2000.

This informal meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. at Crabby Joe's in Southwick.

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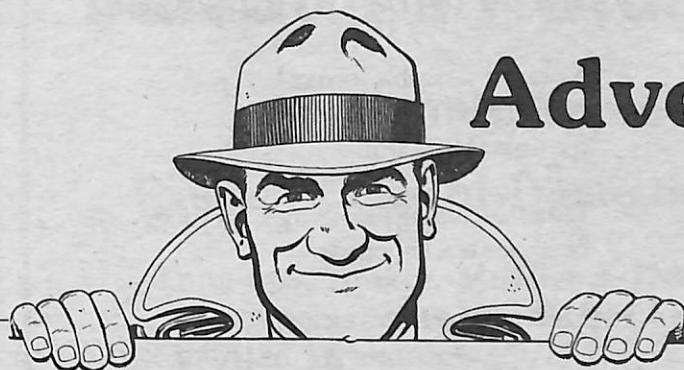
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Sports

Profile...

Chris Wayte Was A 'Manufacturer' For Brownies' Baseball

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Many kids came through in the Agawam High School boys' championship baseball season. One of them was leftfielder Chris Wayte. Recently, the AHS graduate took some time out to talk about himself and his days as a former Brownie.

Wayte turned 18 on March 25th. He is 5'7" tall and tips the scales at 150 pounds. He spent all four years of his secondary education at AHS. In his final semester, he took algebra II, environmental science, Italian II, and gym. He made the honor roll on several occasions and was a member of the Renaissance Club as a junior and senior.

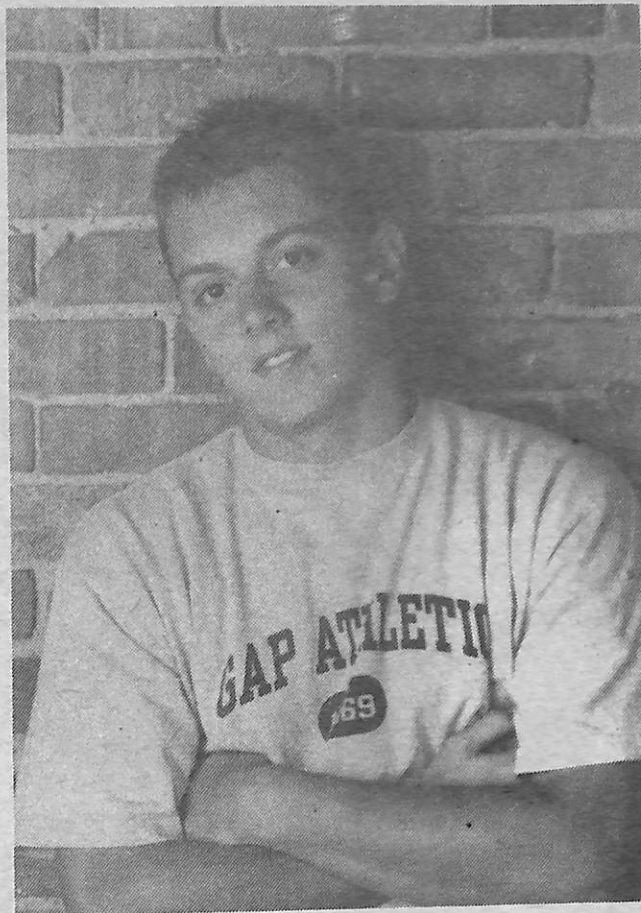
His favorite course at the High School was sophomore English. The guy who taught it, Albert Baggetta, was his top teacher.

This fall, Wayte will attend Springfield Technical Community College and start out with a major in liberal arts. Then he hopes to continue his education at Springfield College, with a major in either physical education or sports management. He also plans to play baseball while at STCC.

Besides baseball, Wayte also wrestled at AHS in the 130-pound class and finished sixth in the Western Mass. Wrestling Tournament. He didn't hesitate when asked what his favorite sports memory might be. "The Western Mass. baseball title, without a doubt," he smiled. Baseball is also his favorite sport.

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He had this take on the outstanding season (his first on varsity), where he led off, led the team in sacrifice bunts, and was third in stolen bases with five: "When we went on that 13-game win streak in the middle of the year, I think all of us knew we



CHRIS WAYTE

had a good chance of doing well in Western Mass. "And our win (9-7) over the defending champions, Pittsfield, was a bit of revenge since they'd beaten us during the regular season," Wayte added.

Pizza is Wayte's favorite food. "Me, (Brian) St. Jean, and (Dave) Mattson go down to the Getty Station (Frank's Pizza) across from Friendly's in Agawam. They have the best slices in town," he noted.

SEE CHRIS WAYTE - Page 40...

Royals Win Babe Ruth Title; All-Star Game Set For July 21st

The Bill Walsh Royals of Coach Steve Pilegi won their first Agawam Babe Ruth title with a convincing 11-1 win over the Berkshire Power Padres in a game played at the Agawam High varsity field on July 10th.

The Royals advanced to the championship game after defeating the Bridgeport Bindery Yankees, 5-1, earlier in the week. The Padres upset the regular-season champs, the Fran's Restaurant Indians, 7-6, in earning their spot in the title game.

The win by the Royals ends a two-year reign by the Padres.

An All-Star game will be held on Wednesday, July 21st, at Shea Field in Agawam (5:30 p.m. start). Coach Pilegi of the Royals will coach the following team, comprised of Royals-Yankees: Adam DeMario, Ryan Witherell, Justin Perry, Aaron DeMario, Andy Korney, Tom Montagna, Vin Moretti, Paul Pilegi, Tom Boisjolie, Steve Turner, Allan Bishop, Billy Cochrane, and Chris Martin.

Coach John DeBonville of the regular-season champion Indians will coach a squad comprised of Indians-Padres-Rockies players. That team includes Evan Machos, Matt Picard, Scott Roberts, Jay Yarymowicz, RJ Kupras, Larry Scafuri, Mike Cook, Mario Maloni, Steve Santaniello, George Fontaine, Brian LaChapelle, Mike LaChapelle, and Andrew Wynne.

The Babe Ruth League would like to thank its sponsors: Berkshire Power, Attorney Bill Walsh, Fran's Restaurant, Bridgeport Bindery, and Landry, Lyons Realtors.

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The Second Annual Craig O. Waryasz Memorial Golf Tournament and Dinner is scheduled for Friday July 30th at Shaker Farms Country Club. Donations and a good turnout will ensure the tournaments success. We are asking for hole sponsors of \$100.00 each, cash donations, and items that can be raffled off during dinner.

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Golf Tip Of The Week...

Compiled by
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Oak Ridge Golf Club,
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One-Club Practice...

There is a theory, put forward by Tommy Armour among others, that you should practice only with one club, and that club should be an 8-iron. It's not a theory that everyone subscribes to — a lot of golfers like to practice with every club, for instance. But for the high-handicapper, it's not a bad idea because it builds confidence quickly.

When you practice with an 8-iron, or any other short iron, you tend to forget about how far you hit the ball. But when you go to a practice range with a driver or fairway wood, you tend to become too wrapped up in hitting to the farthest flag, or at least hitting as far as possible. The swing itself becomes almost secondary.

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There is an old saying that you can teach a player more in 15 minutes with a short iron than you can in a day with a wood. Armour's idea is where it comes from.

20th 10K Road Race & 2.3 Mile Fun Run Slated For Sept. 11th

Suffield: The Suffield Parks & Recreation Department and The First National Bank of Suffield will be offering the 1999 20th Annual 10K Road Race and 2.3 mile Fun Run.

This event will be held on Saturday, September 11th (rain or shine) at Suffield High School, 350 Mountain Road, Suffield. The 10K Road Race will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the 2.3 mile Fun Run will also begin at 9:00 a.m.

Prizes will be awarded to men and women in their respective age division. A \$100 gift certificate to "The Run In" of Rocky Hill will be awarded to the first male and female finishers.

Applications are available at the Suffield Parks and Recreation Department, 83 Mountain Road and The First National Bank of Suffield, 30 Bridge Street, or register the day of the race between 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. at the Suffield High School.

Long-sleeve t-shirts will be given to the first 100 registered. Registration fee is \$12 in advance and \$15 on the day of the race. Checks should be made out to the Suffield Parks & Recreation Department. Refreshments on the day of the race will be sponsored by *The Suffield Observer*.

Summer Baseball Camp To Be Held Once Again At Sacred Heart

The Coaches Camp will once again be running their summer baseball camp at Sacred Heart Church. The camp will be run for two separate weeks this summer.

The dates will be July 19th and July 26th. The cost of the camp is \$100. During the week, the fundamentals of baseball will be covered, as well as games being played daily.

Each participant will receive individual batting instruction daily.

For more information, call Brian Rheault at 789-4792 or Lou Conte at 786-7729.

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Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you ... ADVERTISER NEWS!!!

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"Summer Skate To Ski Race Camp" Slated At Springfield College

The "Summer Skate to Ski Race Camp" at Springfield College is accepting applications for their August camp.

This year's training camp will take place the week of August 2nd-6th. All activities will be conducted on the campus of Springfield College.

Girls and boys ages nine through 16 that are interested in ski training or planning on ski racing this winter are encouraged to attend. Some of the activities include rope course, K2 demo day, skate gates, and other training equipment.

The camp also has the use of all the facilities such as the pool, gym, weights, and much more. So get a jump on the competition and have fun developing your skills.

For further information and application, call (413) 789-7223 or contact Glenn Olson, c/o Summer Skate to Ski Race Camp, 47 Oak Lane, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

Keenan's Office Has "Westfield River User's Guide"

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan is pleased to share with his constituents a user's guide to the Westfield River. Anyone interested in obtaining a *Westfield River User's Guide* should contact Rep. Keenan's office at (413) 786-4545.

The guide contains a map of the area, and a list of recreational activities such as cultural events, museums, public parks, and historic and scenic sites along the river. There is also a list of places where camping, canoeing, and bicycling opportunities can be found.

The Westfield River was the first in Massachusetts to be designated "Wild and Scenic" by the National Park Service, and its beauty is shared by the 27 communities within its basin.

Parks & Rec. Seeks Summer Lifeguards

The Town of Agawam Parks & Recreation Department is accepting applications for summer lifeguards.

Applicants must be 16 years or older with current certifications in Lifeguarding, First Aid, and CPR for the Professional Rescuer.

Applications are available at the Recreation Office, 760 Cooper Street, Agawam. For more information, call the Director of Parks and Recreation at 821-0514.

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Local Sponsors To "Chip In" For Open Pantry's Golf Benefit

Wayne McCary of the Eastern States Exposition has renewed sponsorship of the 1999 West Springfield-Agawam Open Pantry Golf Benefit.

The Open Pantry services West Springfield, Agawam, Feeding Hills, and Southwick. The Pantry is an advocate for those in need. They provide food not only to those who come to the Pantry's door, but also provide meals to shut-ins in the four aforementioned towns. Their advocate programs reach out to those in need, such as those with social and drug problems.

WMAS AM/FM and Channel 22-TV are corporate sponsors. They have joined in to help promote the seventh annual golf benefit. This is the fifth year that WMAS has been a corporate sponsor. Susan Murray, the General Manager of WMAS, feels that this is a worthwhile event and is happy to support it.

William Peppin, General Manager of Channel 22, took the bull by the horns when they were asked for their help for the golf benefit. They became corporate sponsors this year and will have a team from Channel 22 participating in the golf benefit, as well as TV spots for the event.

The West Springfield-Agawam Open Pantry needs the help of local participants in the golf benefit. Paul Skowera, the chairman of the event, invites all in the community to "chip in" and get involved.

The golf event will take place at Shaker Farms Country Club on Wednesday, August 18th. Coffee and donuts will be served at 9:00 a.m., and the shotgun start is at 9:30 a.m.

Five-person teams will enjoy golf, refreshments, a "happy cart," lunch, and dinner. Prizes to be drawn (such as dinners, hot air balloon rides, golf clubs, and much more) will also be a part of the program.

For further information, contact Cassie or Candy at the West Springfield-Agawam Open Pantry, 734-7969, or call Paul Skowera at 739-1695.

The local sponsors read like a "Who's Who" from the local area. They include our "gold sponsors": Agawam Junior Women's Club, Bertera Chrysler-Plymouth, Curry Copy Center, J.J. Dow Ins., Spalding Sullivan Paper, Vacation Resorts Inc., West Springfield Lions Club, West Springfield Parish Association, and Westfield Savings Bank.

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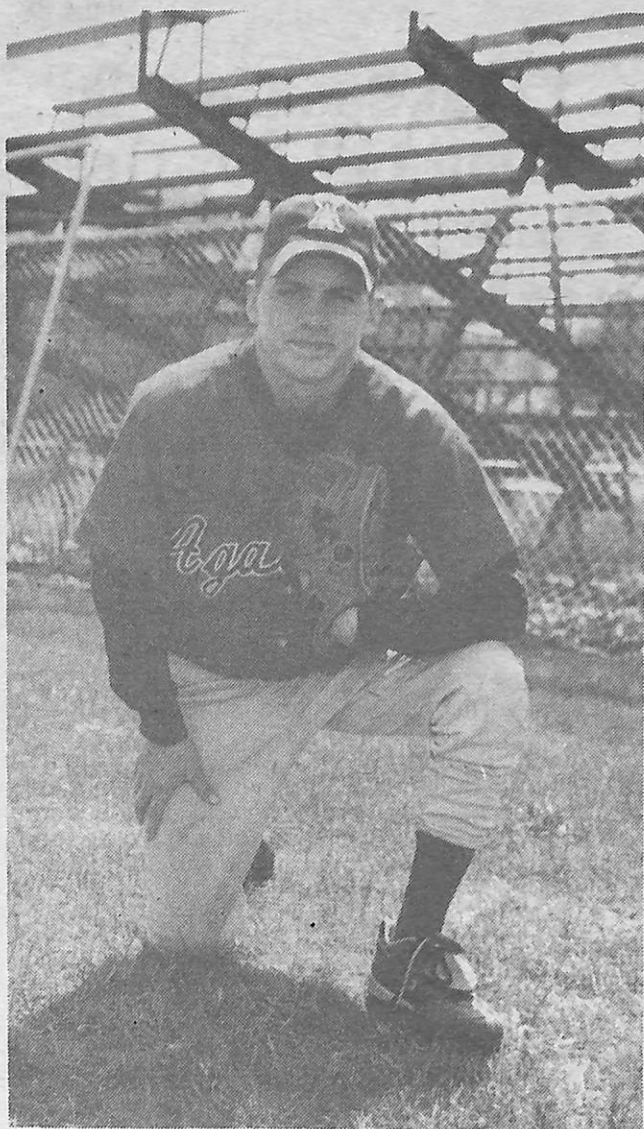
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CHRIS WAYTE IN UNIFORM for the Agawam High baseball team.

CHRIS WAYTE - from Page 38...

Blue is his favorite color.

He just happens to own a 1994 Volkswagen, which (coincidentally) is his favorite car.

The Atlanta Braves' Chipper Jones is his favorite athlete. "I have an uncle who lives in Atlanta. I went down there and saw Chipper play earlier this year," Wayte said.

When he kicks back, it's usually with his friends.

His clothes run to the casual — t-shirts, shorts, etc. Abercrombie and Fitch is his top place to shop for them.

Metallica and Ozzie Osborne are his top groups in the music world.

"The Howard Stern Show" tops the tube for Wayte.

"Top Gun" is his favorite flick.

His mom's name is Joann. He has a brother, Joey (6), and a sister, Natalie (15), who is going in to her sophomore year at AHS.

His Uncle Chris, in Atlanta, and Phyllis, his maternal grandmother, are the two people Wayte says he looks up to the most.

Now that his high school days are done, Wayte says he would like to be remembered as a good kid who had an ethic of hard work and always gave his best.

Baseball Coach Peter Clark had this take on Wayte: "He was the fastest kid on our team and we needed him to manufacture runs. He worked hard and made the varsity because of it."

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Sunday Night Summer Soccer League

MEN'S DIVISION I

| | W | L | T | P |
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| Cougars | 3 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| Team Pickles | 3 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| Green Bleed | 2 | 1 | 0 | 6 |
| United Force | 2 | 1 | 0 | 6 |
| Tsunami | 2 | 1 | 0 | 6 |
| Napoli | 2 | 1 | 0 | 6 |
| Australia | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| Brownies | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| Agawam HS | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| Phat Boyz | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| Hopkins Academy | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| England | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Ireland | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |

MEN'S DIVISION II

| | W | L | T | P |
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| Brazil | 3 | 1 | 0 | 9 |
| Bosnia | 2 | 0 | 1 | 7 |
| USA | 2 | 1 | 0 | 6 |
| Hackers | 2 | 1 | 0 | 6 |
| Italy | 2 | 1 | 0 | 6 |
| Holland | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| Springfield PD | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| The Gap | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| France | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |

WOMEN'S DIVISION

| | W | L | T | P |
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| Norway | 3 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| Canada | 2 | 1 | 0 | 6 |
| WS (Mason) | 2 | 1 | 0 | 6 |
| Germany | 1 | 0 | 2 | 5 |
| Argentina | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| Sweden | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Holy Name | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| Standard Center | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| Mexico | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| WS High School | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |

All games are played at the Agawam Junior High School on Sunday afternoons/evenings.

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For photo coverage in The Agawam Advertiser News, please contact photographer Jack Devine at 789-0053.

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IN RIGHT PHOTO: Brenna McGinn, Tina Gregory, and Nikita Reshamwala were senior players on this year's girls' lacrosse team at Agawam High School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

At Lacrosse Banquet



VARSITY COACH CINDY GRIEVE (center) with her 1999 captains, Tina Gregory, and Annie Paquette, at the end-of-the-season banquet for the AHS girls' lacrosse team. The banquet was held in early June at Shaker Farms Country Club in Westfield. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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Triple Crown Series Continues With All-New Feature Winners

Rob Summers Wins First Of The Year In 125-Lap Modified Headliner

In a wild 125-lap NAPA Modified race, Rob Summers of Manchester, Connecticut earned his first win of the season over veteran drivers Ted Riggott and Bob Polverari.

Riverside Park's exciting Teddy Bear Pools Pro Stock division also raced 125 laps, and Rich Vasseur of Ellington, Connecticut won his first race of the season ahead of Les Hinckley III and Jeff Connors.

In the 30-lap Teddy Bear Pools Truck feature, Jim Larsen of East Hartland, Connecticut won his first-ever feature after beginning his racing career this season. The Sportsman division also crowned a new first-time winner, as Henrie Petrie, Jr. of Southwick won the 25-lap Sportsman event.

Holyoke driver Chris Wenzel and points leader Eddy Spiers led the way early on in the 125-lap "Tour Type" modified event. After taking on two fresh tires, Summers had worked his way to fourth with 45 laps remaining. After 25 more laps of side-by-side racing, Summers was second behind Spiers. Summers took over the lead with 15 laps remaining when Spiers lost a position on a Ricky Miller spin.

After one more restart, Summers pulled ahead for good and cruised into Victory Lane for the first time this season. The win netted him \$2,250. Ted Riggott slipped in to second late in the race to finish ahead of Polverari. Defending Champion Jimmy Broderick was fourth, followed by Tom Jensen in fifth place.

In the 125-lap Pro Stock battle, Vasseur took the lead from Barry Gray with only seven laps remaining. Despite suffering from the fatigue of 125 laps in the super-heated cockpit of his race car, Vasseur maintained his poise and held on to win. Vasseur sustained burns to his legs from the heat in his header pipe, where the temperature reached nearly 300 degrees Fahrenheit over the long distance. Hinckley was second, followed by Connors, Bennett Fuller, and Jim Banfield in fifth place.

Vasseur, who collected \$1,750 for his efforts, dedicated the win to his friend Mike Cianfarani, a speedway employee who is currently battling cancer.

The Sportsman and Truck divisions both produced first-time winners in Saturday nights' races. In the Trucks, Larsen's win came after 18 years of attending races at Riverside Park as a fan and pit crew member on various teams. The rookie driver held off the late race challenges of three-time feature winner Pat Kretschman before taking down the win. Kretschman raced home in the second spot, followed by defending Truck division champion Ted Chalmers, EJ Legacy, and Mike Salmond in fifth.

Larsen's first win also carried a \$200 cash bonus, the first part of a new \$2,000 bonus money program provided by Porter & Chester Institute for the remaining months of Riverside Park Speedway's "Final Lap" festivities.

For local driver Henry Petrie, Jr., his first win came after beginning his career in car number 33 halfway through last season. Petrie stayed ahead of championship contender Herb Carlon, who finished second, before earning the victory. Craig Collins was third, followed by Michael Sabia, Jr. and Derek McLellan.

Just before the marathon modified event got underway, fans were treated to a spectacular fireworks display over the scenic Connecticut River. Set to a musical score, the majesty of the display was enjoyed by fans and competitors alike.

"Athletics" Are Division & League Champs...



WITH A RECORD OF 13-1-1, the "Athletics" are the Sacred Heart 1999 division and league champs for the 10-12 girls. Back row - Coach Tom Gorman, Katie Gorman, Tammy Gorman, Stephanie Brunelle, Lauren Liberti, and Coach Mike Brunelle. Middle row - Coach Bruce Lathrop, Cali Longtin, Jessica Lepore, Amy Luginbuhl, and Allison Pariseau. Front row - Kelly Conte, Emily Lathrop, and Caitlin Niemiec (M.V.P.).

1999 Agawam Parks & Recreation's Men's Slo-Pitch Softball Standings (As Of July 12th)

| AMERICAN LEAGUE | | | Riverdale Lanes | | | 5 | 15 | 1 | |
|----------------------|----|----|-----------------|-------------------------------|----|----|----|---|---|
| Schibelli's | 18 | 3 | 0 | | | | | | |
| Body Works | 17 | 5 | 0 | NATIONAL LEAGUE | | | W | L | T |
| E.B's Restaurant I | 16 | 6 | 0 | Mingles | 18 | 5 | 0 | | |
| Bella Pizza | 14 | 9 | 0 | Med. Care Part./Civic Pub | 16 | 7 | 0 | | |
| Abbett Business Ser. | 12 | 9 | 1 | Omniglo | 14 | 8 | 0 | | |
| Dante Club | 11 | 10 | 1 | M&P Siding | 13 | 10 | 0 | | |
| E.B's Restaurant II | 11 | 11 | 0 | Carrigan's | 12 | 10 | 1 | | |
| Bobby's | 8 | 10 | 2 | Marlins | 11 | 10 | 1 | | |
| Scoreboard | 8 | 11 | 1 | Good Fellaz/Letalien Jewelers | 10 | 13 | 0 | | |
| Joey's Pub | 7 | 16 | 0 | Teddy Bear Pools | 9 | 12 | 0 | | |
| Sam's Sports Bar | 6 | 11 | 2 | Olympic Fasteners | 8 | 14 | 0 | | |
| Breakers | 7 | 13 | 0 | Artioli Dodge | 0 | 23 | 0 | | |

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Lung Association Golf Tournament A Success



ON MONDAY, JUNE 21ST, at Crestview Country Club, over 120 players participated in a scramble/shotgun golf tournament to raise over \$15,000 for asthma programs provided by the American Lung Association. IN TOP PHOTO: Paul Connor, Sam Gourley, Matt Arciero, Mike Reed, and Mario Sakellis. IN PHOTO BELOW: Michael Bertera, Steven Bertera, Don Rheault (chairman of this year's tournament), and Ed Sunter, Jr. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



AT THE RAFFLE TICKET TABLE: Judy Deane, Donna Allard, and Jeff Seyler. The major sponsor of the tournament was Riverside Park, who hosted the dinner and provided free entrance to the park for all the golfers and friends of the Lung Association. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Auto Racing Club To Make Final Appearance At Riverside Park

The Atlantic Coast Old Timers Auto Racing Club will make their 11th and final appearance at the historic, high-banked Riverside Park Speedway in Agawam on Saturday evening, July 17th.

One of New England's most renowned race tracks, the paved one-quarter mile Riverside oval has been the site of some of the most competitive racing in the Northeast ever since opening to the midjet and modified stock car racing boom that immediately followed World War II. Still the site for red hot action, the famous track will be closed at the end of the 1999 season to permit expansion of the Riverside amusement park.

Many of ACOT's members and their vintage cars actually raced competitively at the little "bull ring" on the banks of the Connecticut River during the glory days of the 1940's and 1950's. As an added feature to Riverside's regular Saturday night racing program, the Club's final appearance on July 17th to demonstrate auto racing as it was during the Golden Era is certain to be a nostalgic experience for many of the local fans as well as the ACOT contingent.

The Atlantic Coast Old Timers are recognized as one of the Country's foremost organizations dedicated to the preservation of the history of oval track racing in America. In view of its rich heritage and the significant role that the Agawam speedway has played in New England auto racing history, Racing Director John Palmer is expecting a large field of ACOT's beautifully restored vintage cars to be on the track in, this, their final appearance before the appreciative fans at Riverside Speedway.

Riverside Park Speedway is located on Route 159 in Agawam, approximately one-half mile north of the Connecticut state line.

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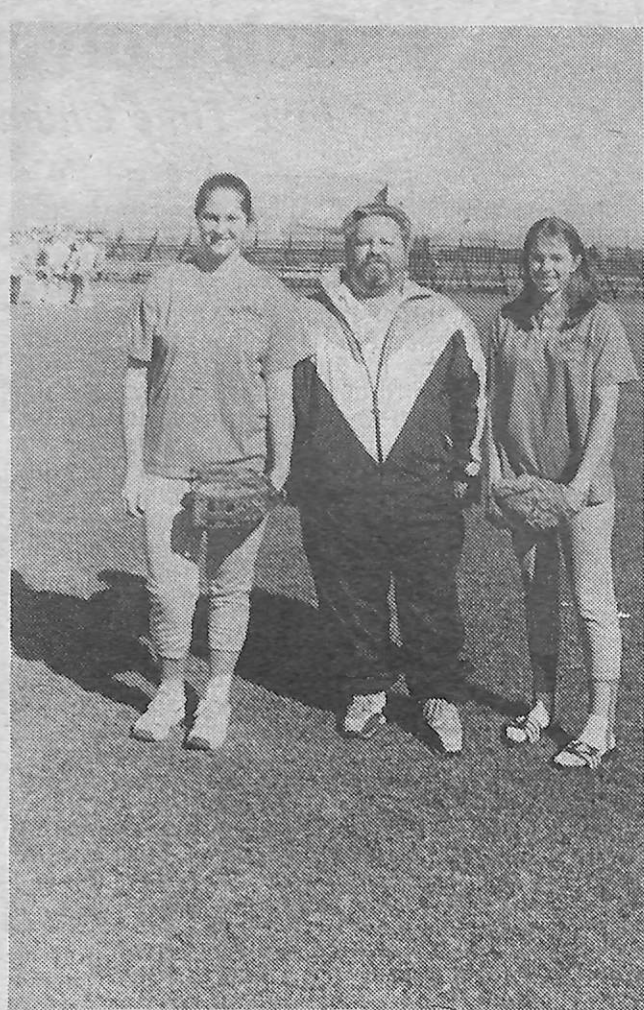


ON SATURDAY, JULY 10TH, a car wash was held in the parking lot of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills by the seventh- and eighth-grade players in the suburban softball league. The players are under the direction of Coach Al O'Quinn. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

"Crushers" Crush The Competition...



THE MEMBERS OF THE Structural Engineering "Crushers", the Sacred Heart Athletic Association's DPL championship team. Back row - Coach Dan Timmons and Assistant Coach Tony Toto. Middle row - Danny Konowitz, Justin Timmons, Kenn Lussier, and James Bushey. Front row - Adam Smith, Andrew Cayer, Dylan Coulter, Kyle Keely, Joey Toto, and Matt Lemieux. (Missing from photo: Garrett Asselin and Assistant Coach Brian Keely.)



COACH AL O'QUINN (center) with the 1999 captains of the freshman softball team at Agawam High School — Amanda Brown and Katie Dubay. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Bob Polverari Returns To Victory Lane

Five-Time Champ Tops Modified Feature For 37th Career Win

The scoreboard read "51 laps," and the face in Victory Lane was a familiar one. Five-time track champion Bob Polverari captured the NAPA Modified feature on Saturday night, June 26th, at Riverside Park, the distance set at 51 laps to commemorate Riverside Park's 51-year racing history.

Also in action at the historic quarter-mile NASCAR Winston Racing Series facility were the Teddy Bear Pools Pro Stock division, led by Enfield, CT's Bennett Fuller, who earned his first win of the year. Two drivers earning their second wins of the 1999 season were Milford, CT's Skip Breunig in the Teddy Bear Pools Trucks, and Enfield's Beau LeBeau in the Sportsman division. The Super Stocks were led by East Hartford, CT's Carl Holmgren, Jr., and the Figure 8 honors went to Windsor Locks, CT's John Dobosz.

As the 25-car Modified field lined up for the 51-lap feature, all eyes were on the 18th starting position of Reggie Ruggiero — the track's all-time winningest driver. Ruggiero's quest for one more victory at Riverside Park fell short, as his number two machine was out early with suspension problems following contact with some other cars.

Polverari slipped past Cheshire, CT's Frank Ruocco with 12 laps remaining before settling for his second win of the season and 37th career victory at "the Park." Renee Dupuis of Glastonbury,

CT, finished second, followed by Bill Bolton, Eddy Spiers, and Tom Jensen in fifth place. Spiers' finish put him on top of Riverside Park Speedway's championship point standings, where a \$10,000 prize awaits.

Director of Auto Racing David Deery announced on that evening that each weekly Modified feature (previously run at 50 laps) would be increased to 51 laps for the remainder of the year.

Riverside Park's second-tier division put on another dazzling performance. Fuller led the Pro Stocks through a late-race restart before settling in for the close victory ahead of John Lobo of Southamptton, MA. Todd Owen was third, followed by Jay Miller and Jeff Connors.

In the Teddy Bear Pools Trucks' 30-lapper, Breunig earned the lead position on a lap 17 restart, when race leader Rit Dulac fell behind with mechanical problems. Shelton, CT's Pat Kretschman chased Breunig in the closing laps, but settled for a second-place finish. Kris Valerio was third, followed by a Truck title contenders Ernie Tarca and Mike Salmond.

LeBeau charged to the front during the first half of Saturday's 25-lap Sportsman main, and stayed ahead for the win. Ed Charette could not catch LeBeau, who built a sizable lead in the closing

laps, and came home in second place. Division upstart Norm Ashline was third, followed by Dave Birkenshaw and Keith Carzello in fifth place. Andy Breen of Northampton, MA, captured the 10-lap NU-STAR Sportsman race.

The Super Stocks raced for 20 laps, and Holmgren had his second win of the season wrapped up with five laps remaining after second-place challenger John Bowes slapped the wall coming out of the fourth turn. Enfield, CT's Jon Provencher jumped ahead for a second-place finish, followed by Chris Matthews, Jonathan Yourga, and Bill Reiman.

Closing out the "Fan Appreciation Day" program was the exciting Figure 8 division. John Dobosz, the husband of 1998 Figure 8 champion Betty Anne Dobosz, drove his number eight machine to his first win of the season. Leon Goulet of Westfield, MA was second, followed by division veterans Joe Jacobs, John Gagnon, and John Albert.

Before the races began, Riverside's faithful fans enjoyed a pit party on the infield of the storied quarter-mile. The party was a memorable occasion for all who participated, as Riverside Park and Premier Parks, Inc. officials recently announced that 1999 will be the final season of racing at Riverside Park.



PICTURED ABOVE are the members of the Drownowski family with Tournament Director Paul Scheer and this year's scholarship recipients, Bob Fuller and Brian Gallagher.

Drownowski Golf Tourney Held At Oak Ridge In F.H.

On Sunday, July 4th, the Annual "Hank Drownowski, Sr." Memorial Scholarship Scramble was held at Oak Ridge Golf Club in Feeding Hills. This year's event attracted a full field of 120 golfers.

The tournament is held each year in memory of "Hank Drownowski, Sr." to award two scholarships to graduating seniors from the Agawam High School football program who will be furthering their education. This year's scholarships were awarded to Brian Gallagher and Bob Fuller.

The Drownowski family — Dottie, Hank, Jr., Mike, and Steve (who arrived from California for this special event) — would like to extend their special thanks to all for making July 4, 1999 a wonderful day.

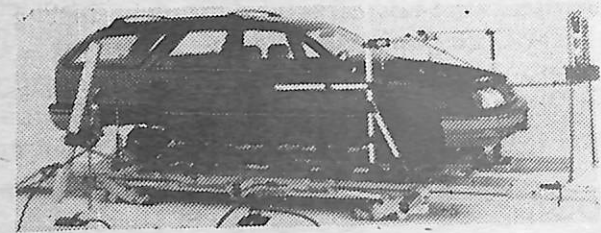
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Outdoors New England

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It's Catfish Time

Here in the Northeast, we do have a good variety of these feisty bottom dwellers to provide some great angling thrills and a tasty meal to boot.

Species range from the common brown bullhead to the aggressive channel catfish. Most lakes and ponds harbor some bullheads, but for the real tackle busters, try the rivers.

Channel cats make up the majority of the catch in many of the rivers throughout the Northeast.

Dedicated catfishermen are a secretive bunch. They have more "secret" baits and tactics than our printer has ink! In addition to their closely guarded "special formulas," most of the dedicated whisker fishermen practice their craft under the cloak of darkness.

While it is true that most aficionados go out catfishing at night, there is a common misconception that there is no good catfishing during the day.

Cats are just like any other fish, in that they will use the cover of darkness to prowl the shallows and weeded flats. While many people think of them as scavengers, catfish are also efficient predators.

During a bass tournament on the Connecticut River, I had a surprise. While working a floating minnow imitation for smallmouth bass, I set the hook on a savage strike. I was working the area along the edge of a shale ledge that usually held some nice smallmouth.

The hard-fighting fish made several strong runs and was unusually strong. I had a healthy bunch of bass in the live well and knew that this fish would undoubtedly give me the tournament win.

I was more baffled than disappointed when I landed this lunker, only to discover that my "sure fire winner" was an eight-pound channel cat.

During the Bassmasters Championship Tournament on Clark Hill Reservoir in Georgia in 1975, the largest fish caught was not a bass, but a big catfish that took a medium running crankbait!

While such catches on artificial lures are uncommon, it does point out that big cats are quite predatory, indeed.

So, how do we go about catching some of these big cats?

Let's start with some of the basics for catching cats during the day. For the purpose of this discussion, we will concentrate on larger rivers.

Structure fishing know-how and an understand-

ing of currents is just as important to catching catfish as it is to fishing for bass and walleyes.

During the daylight hours, look for feeder streams that empty into the main river channel. These streams provide several factors that will attract predatory fish. They also create structure in the form of deltas that build up from silt deposits over the years.

These deltas and the currents they produce will be one of the keys to locating cats during the daylight hours. As the currents from the main river and the feeder streams mingle, back eddies often form.

Look for where the deeper channel bends around the shallow rips that set-up and work the areas from shallow to deep.

Cats are usually bottom feeders and will be found in areas of the bottom where currents can disorient small baitfish. As water passes over small deltas or is diverted around wing dams or points that protrude into the main river, the current is altered. Vertical as well as horizontal back currents can form on the downstream side in the deeper water.

These turbulent areas in the deeper water are prime spots to fish. My preference is to use a three-way swivel with a bank sinker of sufficient weight to hold bottom, with a three-foot leader and a wide gap hook on the other ring of the three-way.

The tail race below dams can also be very productive. Hydroelectric dams often end up having their turbines acting as fish chum grinders when they are really cooking.

This man made chumming action will add the ingredients to attract big cats into the fast water below. Heavier weights and appropriate tackle is the key here, along with some common sense boating savvy.

Any downstream hole or bottom depression in the fast water, can be a regular "pit stop" for some jumbo cats. Most people would be amazed at some of the cats that can be found in the really fast waters.

Catfish have a terrific sense of smell, and baits such as chicken livers, shrimp, large dead shiners, or some of the commercial "stink baits" will draw catfish from downstream areas.

Patience is a virtue when bait fishing, but if you do not have some action in a half hour or so, try another area.

Nighttime is the traditional province of the cat fishermen. While the rest of the population has gone to bed, most rivers in the Northeast will be dotted with the stearn lights or lanterns of diehard cat fishermen enjoying the solitude of night fishing.

Some deep water spots will produce fish, but one of the secrets to finding big cats is to fish the shallow deltas around feeder streams. The difference at night is to fish shallow. Big cats will be on the prowl for forage in the weeded shallows

and protected back eddies.

Some of the biggest cats we have taken in recent years have come from areas where there was less than two feet of water. In these shallow areas, I generally use a slip sinker set-up, utilizing the smallest sinker that will hold bottom.

These are active fish that will hit aggressively. When the bite is more tentative, I like to use a bait runner reel so that the fish can mouth the bait and begin to move off with it before setting the hook.

Use a large bait for big cats. We have taken some real beauties over 12 pounds while live-lining a 12-inch herring for stripers in the spring on the Connecticut River at high noon.

In the early spring, when water temperatures are still quite frigid, try fishing the warm water discharge from power plants. Bait fish will congregate there and so will the predators. These spots can provide some fast action when the rest of the river seems to be unproductive.

First-timers should exercise a bit of caution when unhooking a catfish. They have sharp spines on both the dorsal fin and the pectoral fins. This is nature's way of making it difficult for larger fish to eat them.

When aggravated or frightened, the fish will extend the pectoral fins and the spine on the dorsal fin will be erect. A deep puncture wound not only can be painful, but can provide a foothold for some fairly nasty bacteria to invade your body.

The safest way that I have found to grasp a catfish is to grip it behind the head with your thumb and forefinger in back of the pectoral spines. This allows the angler to control the fish long enough to safely remove the hook. As in all catch and release fishing, handle the fish as little as possible. If the fish has swallowed the hook, cut the line as close to the hook as possible and gently release it. The fish's body fluids will dissolve the hook in a few days and it should do just fine.

A good hook remover is a great help, especially in the dark of night. A head lamp is a good tool to have with you as the light is always focused where you are looking. It makes hook removal and things such as knot-tying much easier.

Look in next week's column for information on some of the upcoming catfish derbies and prepare to have some fun!

FISH REPORT

Kurt over at Saunders Marina in Southwick reports that the fishing had slowed to a crawl during the scorching hot weather, but had started to pick up now that more reasonable weather has arrived.

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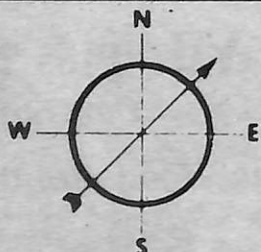
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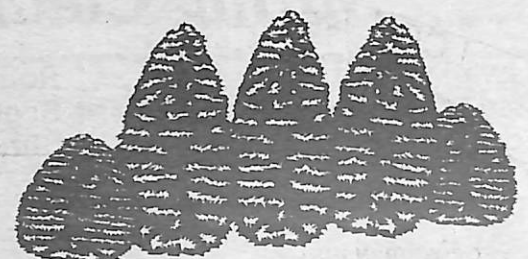
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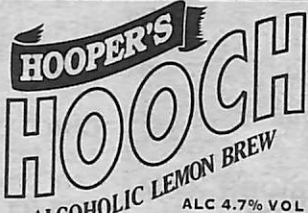

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